



# By-Election 4<sup>th</sup> December

## Avon and Swift Ward.



David Elson

### What arrogance

I WRITE in response to the shameful news that the by-election in the Avon and Swift ward has been indefinitely postponed ('By-election called off after fraudulent application' Advertiser, October 2). What arrogance Councillors Humphrey and Hunt display when saying 'There is no great appetite for an election at this time of year during the long evenings'. Has the local Conservative party privately polled the ward's residents to arrive at this definitive view? I think not.

As the Boston politician James Otis once famously said, 'taxation without representation is tyranny'. With a myriad of key issues engulfing Rugby now and in the coming years, strong, effective representation is not a whimsical fancy that can be sacrificed because of dark clouds and the increased chance of a rain shower. It is therefore imperative that a vote be held as soon as practically possible to enable the election of an independently minded Councillor that can hold the borough council to task and effectively campaign for the improved services this rural ward so desperately needs.

Michael Moran,  
Coton Park,  
Rugby.

Dear Elector,

This letter, reprinted from the "Rugby Advertiser", prompted the Liberal Democrats on Rugby Council to call a by-election in your Ward. We believe that you are entitled to proper representation and that you should have two Members- not one. Of course, we deeply regret the loss of your excellent Councillor, Mrs. Hazel Bell, but we feel sure that Hazel, like us, would insist on the democratic principle which gives you two voices and two votes in the Council Chamber. Therefore, on December 4<sup>th</sup>, you have the opportunity to go to the ballot box.

The Liberal Democrats have nominated **David Elson** to stand for election in Avon and Swift on December 4<sup>th</sup>. He is a top quality candidate with lots of experience of all aspects of Rugby Council. You will shortly receive his election address and he hopes to call on as many of you as possible within the time available. If you want to question him, please ring him on **01788576762**, preferably in the evenings.

You will find that David, as a Liberal Democrat, is a very different proposition from the Conservative Members you have had. He has carte blanche to represent you, because there is no Lib Dem party whip. He would be your voice and your voice only and follow the Lib Dem tradition of "Working his Patch", conscientiously and effectively. If we were not certain of that, we would not allow him to represent our party. We have a proud and unique reputation of single-minded service to our community.

Do please consider him carefully as your choice on December the fourth. He will not let you down.

Rugby Liberal Democrats, Freepost RLZL-KLAG-GXGH, 141a Bilton Road, Rugby CV22 7AS

**By-election Quiz.**

**Q. Who initiated the Rural Development Fund?**

**A. A liberal Democrat. The £75,000 per annum Fund can give up to £10,000 to any village organisation.**

**Q. Who took a pivotal role in the setting up of the Parish Capital Fund?**

**A. A liberal Democrat. £100,000 per annum is available to Parish Councils, who can claim up to £50,000 for major works.**

**Q. Who brought to the attention of Council the fact that rural Council Tax payers pay on average £200 more per year, because their homes have higher rateable values?**

**A. A Liberal Democrat. All the above save your Parish Councils from asking you for extra money for the Parish Precept and ensure that more of your high Council tax bills is spent in your area.**

**Q. Who, as Secretary and originator of the Anti Rugby Airport Campaign, saved Church Lawford from a Monster airport?**

**A. A Liberal Democrat, who organised a 90,000 signature petition, wrote to every one of the 600-odd Members of Parliament, acted as Press Agent, helped to raise a £40,000 Fighting Fund, organised a march of 10,000, etc. etc.**

**Q. Who forced Government to do a U turn on the removal of services from St. Cross hospital?**

**A. A Liberal Democrat, who as secretary of the "Hands Off St. Cross" campaign, persuaded your Parish Councillors to back a "Statement of Determination", also signed by M.P., Prospective Parliamentary Candidates, and County and Borough Councillors, which he sent to the Minister of Health , threatening to make St. Cross the dominant issue in any future General election. See latest statement from Coventry Hospital Trust below.**

**Lib Dems are the champions of the rural area. The Tory Group in Rugby Council is dominated by TOWN councillors. Our sympathies lie in the countryside and we are committed to giving the villages a fair deal.**

**You can help us in that work by this time electing a Liberal Democrat and giving us more power to our elbow. He will not let you down.**



**It's a two horse race.**

**Pick a Winner!**

**David Elson X**

Services provided at Hospital of St Cross	
Ambulatory Care	Urgent Care Centre
Day Surgery Overnight stay/23 hour Surgery Outpatient Services	A&E Department GP (out of hours service) Walk In centre
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Scanning X-ray including Ultrasound Scanning Bone Density Laboratory Services Endoscopy Satellite Renal Dialysis Unit	<b>Acute Medicine</b> Inpatient Medical Services Intermediate Care Inpatient Rehabilitation Service
	<b>Acute Surgery</b> Inpatient Elective Surgery
	<b>Rehabilitation</b>
<b>Screening</b> Retinal Screening Centre Colorectal Cancer Screening Centre Breast Screening	<b>Services based on St Cross site, but provided by other organisations</b> Myton Hospice Mental Health Unit Social Services