

Dear Members & Supporters,

Well it has been quite a month, both for SSGP and for Yeovil Constituency.

Firstly, thanks to all who supported and participated in our 'Green Running' Team in the Great Inflate-A-Race in Aldon. I sadly had to pull out at the last minute due to being struck down by a virus but the Team valiantly bounced, climbed, slid and ran on. Thanks guys!

We had another really positive meeting/get together, this time in Ilminster at the lovely Green House (thanks for hosting and opening especially for us). There are several things to share from that meeting, particularly regarding planning for next year's local elections. Rob, as Campaign Manager, would like the help and support of local members and supporters in a number of different ways. A separate email about this will come through to you in the next few days.

Meanwhile, do any of you like doing quizzes? We would like to get a Green presence out and about in the local community and thought a great way to do this would be pub quizzes, or similar. It doesn't have to be a regular team, with regular members, just as and when people fancy socialising whilst wearing a GP badge. Rob and I are hoping to participate when we can (babysitter permitting) so suggestions for good fun quizzes in our area would be appreciated. If you are interested in joining in or have suggestions, please reply to this email.

Our MP Marcus Fysh has been featured in the media for different reasons recently:

- Firstly, he seems to have become (for some bizarre reason) one of the media spokespersons for the ERG, speaking out against Theresa May, who he happily put his full support behind (supposedly) at the last GE.
- Secondly, an article appeared in Private Eye querying his overseas investments: <http://www.private-eye.co.uk/in-the-back>
- Finally, after the shocking stabbings in Yeovil town centre last Thursday, his comments on Somerset Live caused quite a discussion on social media: <https://www.somersetlive.co.uk/news/somerset-news/marcus-fysh-speaks-out-multiple-2056428>

Rob, Alan and I will be attending the GP Autumn Conference in Bristol this weekend. It will be a first time for us all (last time thwarted by snow!). We are looking forward to attending some workshops and meeting other members. Full report next month.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in the Eleos Café in Chard. It will also be an AGM, where officer roles will be reassigned for the coming year. We are also planning to have a short talk at this meeting presented by the founders of the Chard Eco Deli project, who are intending to open the first zero-waste shop in Chard. All members and supporters are most welcome; please remember to buy a drink and/or food from the café upon arrival.

On a personal note, I've just started my training in Ashford to become a professional Sophrologist. So for two years I will learn the key to wellbeing and mind-body health, whilst juggling being a Mum and Green Party campaigner. Like I don't already have enough going on!

As always, this newsletter could run into many pages but I'd better stop there! I will share events and news that might be relevant on our Twitter and Facebook pages so please follow and like.

Thanks for reading.

Until next month.....

Best wishes

Diane Wood (PPC and Membership Secretary)