

Cabot News

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SUMMER 2005

Over Thirty years of service!

Winners!

The Liberal Democrats won a historic double victory in Bristol on May 5th. Stephen Williams became the first ever Liberal Democrat MP for Bristol West, and the Lib Dems also became the largest party on the city council – taking sole control for the first time.

Stephen Williams MP said “The people of Bristol West have put their faith in us because of our strong and positive campaign, and because of their anger at the government for ignoring public opinion on issues like the war in Iraq and tuition fees.”

Council Leader Barbara Janke said “It is a great privilege to lead the first Lib Dem administration of Bristol. However there are major challenges ahead. There have been years of mismanagement but now Labour's stranglehold has been broken, our first jobs will be establishing a sound financial footing, providing cost effective and high quality services and giving the city the leadership it deserves.”

Across the country the Lib Dems made more gains, winning their first MPs in Manchester, Leeds, Birmingham, Cambridge and Cardiff. The Lib Dems now have 62 MPs, their best result since 1923!



CELEBRATIONS: **Stephen Williams MP, Council Leader Barbara Janke** and members of the new cabinet celebrate the Lib Dems' success in Bristol.

The Conservatives slumped to a new low, coming third in large parts of urban Britain, including in Bristol South and Bristol East.

Labour meanwhile clung on to power

with the smallest share of the vote ever for a governing party (35%). Stephen Williams highlighted this in his first speech in parliament, calling on the government to introduce a fair voting system.

THE DAY BRISTOL TURNED TO GOLD

Bristol West result:

Stephen Williams	21,987 (38.3%)
Labour	16,859 (29.4%)
Conservatives	15,429 (26.9%)
Green	2,163 (3.8%)

Majority 5,128 Turnout 70.5%
Swing from Lab to LD of 8.44%

Bristol City Council results:

Lib Dem	32 Seats (+4)
Labour	27 Seats (-4)
Conservatives	11 Seats (+0)

Lib Dems become the largest party, but do not have a majority.

Lib Dems... the only realistic alternative to Labour

Liberal Democrats - Action for Bristol

Mark Wright Elected in Cabot

In a great local election result on May 5th, Liberal Democrat campaigner and Cabot News editor Mark Wright was elected in Cabot ward with a majority of over 1000 votes.

Mark becomes the youngest councillor on Bristol Council. Commenting on his victory, **Cllr Mark Wright** said "There is a reason why Cabot keeps returning Liberal councillors, and that is because Liberal councillors have never let Cabot down. It's a big responsibility to follow in such a great tradition, but like my predecessors I will not let Cabot down. Regardless of who you voted for - or even if you didn't vote - I promise to work hard for everybody in the ward."

Cabot's continuing councillor, **Anne White**, returns to the Cabinet and becomes the **Executive Member for Economic Development and Regeneration**. Anne's 18 months experience at the old Department of Environment, Transport and Leisure stand her in good stead for this crucial role in shaping Bristol's economic future.



● Your new Cabot team are Cllr Anne White (Left), Stephen Williams MP (Centre), Cllr Mark Wright

Spike Island Bus Update

Following the submission by **Mark Wright** of a petition calling for the 500 "Baltic Wharf Loop" bus to be funded to run in the evenings and on Sundays, there have been some positive moves. From 12th June the service will operate every 20 minutes, with brand new buses.

Cllr Mark Wright said "This is a step forward, but it will not be the end of the story. Obviously I am disappointed that our main request has not yet been granted, but this is an indication that the council is finally taking the 500 bus service seriously. This investment will see the service grow in popularity, and I still expect evening services to come soon."

New **Liberal Democrat Executive Member for Transport, Dennis Brown**, has indicated that in 2006 the No. 500 may qualify for yet more funding because it is an "orbital" service - a type that Bristol is currently deficient in.

COUNCIL ELECTION

Cabot Ward result:

Mark Wright	1,893 (43.1%)
Labour	857 (19.5%)
Conservative	758 (17.7%)
Green	511 (11.6%)
Independent	371 (8.5%)
Majority	1,036

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