

Warwick Hospital

A board is currently deciding the future of the NHS in Coventry and Warwickshire. Warwick Hospitals' future is threatened. Key issues are stroke, older peoples care, children, maternity and A&E.

Lib-Dem Councillor Roger Copping said, "Local people have fought for our hospital for many years and we raised £1m for the new Accident and Emergency Unit in 2001. The options must be agreed by next April. Before then local public meetings will be held where you can have your say about forthcoming cuts in local NHS provision."

Meanwhile the Primary Care Trust has made a huge 60% cut in its grant to Age Concern for its care of elderly recently discharged. This sudden cut is likely to increase delays at Warwick Hospital.

Consultation.

A three month public consultation is due to start in the spring. If you would like to take part write to:

South Warwickshire Primary Care Trust,
Westgate House, Market Street,
Warwick. CV34 4DE

New visitor centre at Hill Close Gardens.

Building has started at Hill Close Gardens and the action can be viewed from the racecourse or Linen Street. The new building will be triangular in shape and will be heated by a ground source heat pump. The Trustees plan to generate electricity by erecting a wind turbine. This is the first part of a million pound lottery funded project to restore the summerhouses and the Victorian hedged pleasure gardens. The gardens are due to re-open to the public in July. Much of the gardening and administration is being carried out by volunteers. Anyone interested in taking part should contact the Head Gardener on 07810 867728.

Lib -Dem Leadership.

We were sad to see Charles Kennedy resign as party leader recently. Charles led the party to significant electoral success both nationally and in our local councils. We wish him and his family well.



Simon Hughes 54 – Party president and candidate for London mayor in 2004. Simon is concerned about the growing gap between rich and poor, "Britain has become a less fair society. Inequality in wealth is still increasing, as are inequalities in standards of health. Under New Labour, if you are born into a poor family now you are more likely to remain poor throughout your adult life." Simon wants fairer taxes to help the poorest in our country.



Sir Menzies Campbell 64 - The deputy leader and respected foreign affairs spokesman. A former Olympic runner and Scottish lawyer. Sir Menzies wants new thinking to liberate thousands of families locked in poverty and to reward environmentally friendly technology. As a true democrat, he is committed to the reduction of an over-centralised state. Critical local services such as schools and hospitals must be freed to respond to local needs.



Chris Huhne 51 – An economic journalist and former Euro MP, Chris has been a Westminster MP for eight months. Chris wants a rise in eco-taxes to reduce greenhouse gases. This would allow personal taxes to come down, especially amongst those on lower incomes. Chris also wants to give more power to local people and to protect our civil liberties.

The new leader will be elected on March 2nd.

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