

FOCUS ON OUR SCHOOLS

...badly let down by the Conservative controlled County Council

Lytchett Minster School



Cllr Fred Drane and Annette Brooke MP looking at plans for the school

It is now almost 6 years since the big fire. Where are the replacement buildings?

County Councillor Fred Drane and Cllr Michael Peacock report "We continue to work to find a solution acceptable to the school and the County Council." Representations by Fred have resulted in an extra £1 million pounds being allocated to the project.

Lytchett Matravers Primary School

Annette Brooke MP and Michael Peacock continue to press for a fair deal for pupils at our school. Did you know that the average funding per year per primary school pupil in Dorset is £2545 but our children have been allocated a mere £1977 per head?



Michael Peacock and Annette Brooke MP at Lytchett Matravers Primary School

WORKING FOR PURBECK ALL YEAR ROUND

MICHAEL will require no introduction to many locals. The breadth of his involvement across many parish, school and community groups, means he has a strong grasp of the issues that matter to us locally.

Michael Peacock is one of the youngest members of Purbeck Council. He lives in Charborough Close with wife, Suzanne, and daughters Sarah and Louise, who both attend Lytchett Minster School.



Michael Peacock discusses local issues with M.P. Annette Brooke.

A chartered accountant, Michael is involved with local education and is Vice-Chairman of the Governors at both Lytchett schools.

MICHAEL is Treasurer of Lytchett Matravers Youth Club, Sports Club and Home Watch. He is Vice-Chairman of Lytchett Matravers Parish Council and is well known for his campaigning on behalf of many interests in the village. He has recently been appointed to Purbeck District Council's Planning Board.

Michael Peacock says, "I have lived and raised my family in Lytchett Matravers for the last fifteen years. Local issues matter to me a great deal which is why I take such an active interest in the local community. From our schools, to policing, to rubbish collection and planning there is much that can be done to improve our daily living. With your vote I will continue to tackle these issues."

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See inside for news updates affecting Lytchett Matravers and Morden villages.



ELECTION SPECIAL

Focus

Re-Elect

MICHAEL PEACOCK

PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION
4th May 2006



Polling stations are open
7a.m. - 10p.m.



A STRONG TEAM WORKING FOR YOU

Annette Brooke MP says:

"I recommend you re-elect Michael Peacock to keep the team of Liberal Democrats working for you all year round. Together with Fred Drane on the County Council and myself at Westminster we shall ensure strong and consistent representation for the benefit of all local people"



COUNCIL TAX: THE BIGGEST ISSUE



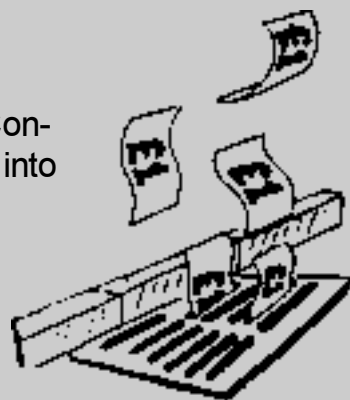
YOUR VIEWS

Council Tax was the biggest local issue raised by Lytchett Matravers and Morden residents who responded to Annette Brooke MP's recent survey of key local issues. The majority thought it was an unfair system and did not give value for money.

TORY VIEWS

The Tories still continue to support the grossly unfair Council Tax. Purbeck Conservatives have told the Lyons Inquiry into the future of local government funding that the Council Tax should stay.

In the 6 years the Conservatives have run Purbeck District Council, Council Tax has almost doubled – up over 92% - and they still support it!



Liberal Democrats are the only party opposed to Council Tax. We believe it should be scrapped and replaced with a fair tax, which takes into account ability to pay.

FREE TRAVEL

As from the 1st April, 2006 persons aged 60 or over and those with certain disabilities are entitled to a free bus pass to travel without restriction throughout Dorset. The council also offers the alternative of a Train Discount Voucher or in some cases National Transport Tokens. 'Phone the Council on 557240 for further information.

"I am delighted that the Council has introduced an unrestricted free travel scheme." says Cllr Michael Peacock. "This has long been Liberal Democrat policy."



NO NEW TOWN HERE

Currently the proposal for a large development in our area has been deleted from the Regional Strategy for the South West. However, further consultation will take place in the summer and if you oppose this development you should still make sure you express your views.

The Liberal Democrats will continue campaigning to protect the local environment against excessive development.

WANT TO HELP? NEED A LIFT ON POLLING DAY?

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For a lift on polling day
To see what you can do to help

 01202 622158

VOTE for the local community man.

 **Michael PEACOCK** 

VISIBLE POLICING



We are fortunate to live in an area where we have relatively low crime rates. Nevertheless, Michael, who is active in Homewatch, is only too aware that people do feel vulnerable and that burglary and anti-social behaviour is a big concern. Michael says, "If people perceive there is a problem, action must be taken to make them feel safe in their own homes and when out and about locally. We must have a community beat officer for our area."

ROAD SAFETY

Morden Park Corner continues to be an issue of great concern.

Annette Brooke had discussions with local police and they are in agreement that it is one of the most dangerous junctions in the area - but the County Council still fails to give it the priority it needs! Michael Peacock has added his voice to the call to bring forward road improvements here.



Liberal Democrats: Working All Year Round