

## Candidate with Experience Chosen

Keith Critchley has been chosen as the Liberal Democrat Candidate for Wareham in the forthcoming Purbeck District Council election to be held on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008**. Keith has a wide experience of working for Wareham residents on the local Council.



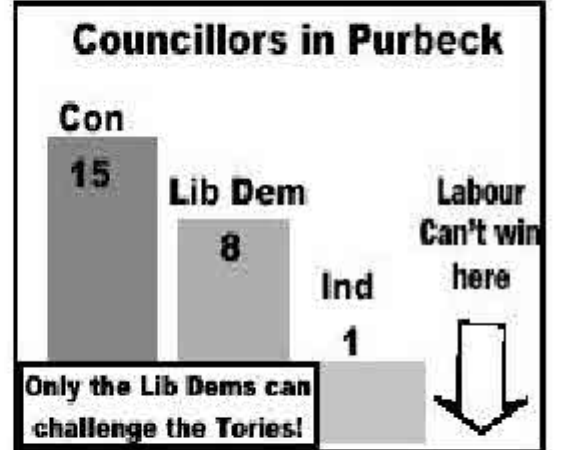
Candidate for Wareham: Keith Critchley

Keith Critchley was a Purbeck District Councillor for nine years and has been a Wareham Town Councillor for the last 23 years. Keith is a former Town Mayor and is currently Vice-chairman of the Town Council's Policy, Resources and Finance Committee.

Keith Critchley is 53 years

old and if elected would be one of the youngest Councillors! He has lived in Wareham all his life, his family connections with the town go back many generations. Keith is married with two grown-up children. He has recently taken early retirement from employment in the motor trade.

## TORY STRANGLEHOLD ON PURBECK



**The Conservatives are currently over represented and have an unhealthy stranglehold on the District Council.**

**Only the Liberal Democrats can loosen that grip and call the Tories to account for their actions.**

**To do this, you need to re-elect Lib Dem Eric Osmond on Thursday 3rd May.**

## Ambitious for Purbeck

Last year the Liberal Democrats polled more votes and won more seats than the Conservatives, if the Conservatives lose just one seat this year they lose the stranglehold they have had on Purbeck Council for the last 9 years.

Purbeck Conservatives have a policy of not telling you what they will do when in power on the Council. In contrast and not for the first time, the Liberal Democrats have set out the policies they would

pursue if they secured a leading role in running the Council following the 1<sup>st</sup> May elections.

**Do you share the Liberal Democrats ambition for a safe, clean, healthy Purbeck where the environment and character of the district is protected, whilst meeting the needs of local people to live, work and move about the area?**



Your Lib Dem Team: Eric Osmond, Keith Critchley & David Budd

Copies of the Lib Dem Manifesto 'Ambitious for Purbeck' are available from .....

# SHOCK Resignation

‘Why was the Leader resigning?’ That was the question Purbeck District Councillors of all parties wanted to ask, following the surprise announcement by Cllr Bill Trite the Conservative leader of the Council that he was stepping down as leader at the end of the February Council Meeting.

“To resign two months before a crucial round of elections is unusual to say the least” comments Lib Dem Leader Cllr David Budd. “It would be normal practice to change Leader at the Annual Council Meeting in May”.



# What Are They Hiding?

Purbeck District Council's influential Conservative dominated Policy Group is to continue to meet in secret, despite the fact that the equivalent policy making meetings in other Dorset councils are open to the public.

A move by Liberal Democrat Leader Councillor David Budd to allow the public and press to attend these important meetings was rejected 11 votes to 9 by the controlling Conservative Group.

Cllr Budd says “the public suspect that meetings held behind closed doors have something to hide, this leads to distrust of the whole Council”.



“Transparency is paramount” say Cllr David Budd and Keith Critchley.



## Town Council Threatened with Investigation

During Public Question Time at the March Town Council meeting the Conservative Chairman of Purbeck District Council, who is a former Wareham Town Councillor, threatened to report the Town Council to the District Auditor because the date on a notice calling a meeting was incorrect, the error was corrected within a day. Clearly the Town Council complied with the spirit of the law, if not the letter of the law.

If the District Auditor investigates this minor error it could cost the Town Council hundreds of pounds with no perceivable benefit to anyone. This would be a shocking waste of public money.

## New Polling Station For Northmoor Park

The District Council can no longer use the Forest Pre-School in Tantinoby Lane as a polling station for elections. The Committee Room at Wareham Golf Club off Northmoor Way will be used for future elections.

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