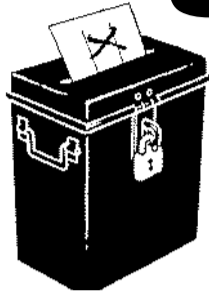


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Who is standing up for you?



On June 4th there are TWO elections

One election is to choose a local **County Councillor for East Malling, Larkfield and West Malling** for the next four years. You have one vote which must be cast for one candidate.

The other election is for the **South-East England Members of the European Parliament**.



To view Headline in colour go to Trudy's page on kentlibdems.org.uk

Working Hard All Year Round



← 700 Lib Dem rail surveys show travellers are fed up with **overcrowded and unreliable trains**. Trudy is working for more carriages and **restoration of peak time Cannon St services**. You can sign the petition at keepourtrains.com

Trudy was the only County Councillor who attended → the Hospital Board meeting to speak **against taking A and E and Maternity Services to Preston Hall**. She believes delays to the move allow time for a review and wants both services retained locally.



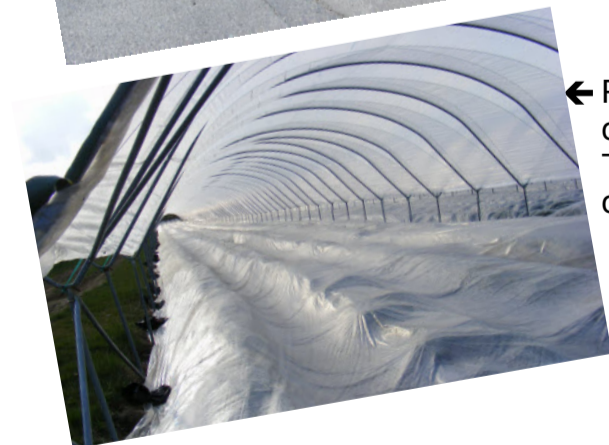
← Plastic recycling bins must stay, but Lib Dems want an affordable way of providing **plastic doorstep collection** to ensure maximum recovery and re-use.

Leybourne Bypass has caused **rat running** in → Lunsford Lane and New Hythe Lane, Larkfield, New Road and Chapel St, E Malling, and High Street and Swan Street, West Malling. Trudy is working with residents to get speed and diversion measures to help prevent this dangerous nuisance.



← KCC says they repair pavements every 226 years and drains every 300 years, and they won't say how long a road must last! Lib Dems say **long term funding of repairs** is needed to fix decades of Tory neglect.

Allington incinerator will take most of Kent's domestic rubbish, and New Earth Solutions want to bring → green waste from all of Kent to West Malling's Blaise Farm plant. Lib Dems say **Tonbridge and Malling must not become Kent's rubbish dump**.



← Planning permission to wrap huge areas of the countryside in **plastic polytunnels** are coming in. Trudy has persuaded KCC to write Kent guidelines to control how many and where they are placed.

The Government removed protection from land → between East Malling, West Malling, Larkfield, Leybourne, and Kings Hill. Trudy is campaigning to **extend the Green Belt** to stop the villages merging.



.... the LOCAL person for the LOCAL job

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Public Meeting. Thursday May 21st. Mallings School, East Malling. 7.30pm

Traffic in our Streets

Has the Leybourne Bypass resulted in MORE traffic on your road?

Are speeds in your road too fast?

What do you think can be done about it?

Does traffic calming work?

Free Parking on site via Beech Rd entrance

**Have
Your
Say!**



SUCCESS!

'Best Ever' Farmers Market

West Malling Farmers' Market had its BEST EVER trading day in April. New stalls included Steve Oakenful's fresh fruit and veg and he sold out! The market was the first held under Steve Woods as market manager. More outdoor eating and entertainment are planned for the future. Trudy put together a rescue package for the market when its previous operator collapsed. Next Market May 24th.



Trudy with market manager Steve Woods

SPOTTED COW PLANS PASSED

Revised plans for the Spotted Cow site have now been passed. The building is less bulky than that turned down at appeal, and meets the Inspector's "acceptable" standard. There will be retail units, excluding take away food, at ground level and residential units above.

Lib Dems call for Medway riverside path.

Local Lib Dem Cllrs are calling for a continuous riverside path for the Medway. KCC has a policy to create such a path, but in some sections its own maps show the path running in the river! Getting the path onto the bank would be a good start!

That's another fine Mess (tent)!



Trudy performed the official opening of the new Blackland Scouts' Mess Tent at the Quest Camp at Wrotham.

The £800 tent costs were met from Trudy's Councillors Grant Scheme, and was very popular!

J5/M25 Slip roads campaign.

Trudy Dean and Liz Simpson have been invited to join the campaign for east facing slip roads at junction 5. on M25. Welcoming the invitation Trudy said "If these new slip roads were built, a lot of traffic would leave the motorway at Sevenoaks instead of junction 4 on M20, and onto our local roads."



THANKYOU commuters!!!

Over 700 people took Rail Surveys from Trudy and Liz at East and West Station at 6.00am onwards (yawn). We will be reporting back on the results. Most complaints were about the lack of a public announcement system (EM), overcrowded trains, and high cost tickets. However, we did manage to get SE Trains to correct their website timetables which were wrong for East Malling. Please sign up to the petition to get peak hour Cannon Street services continued. Go to keepourtrains.com

STOP PRESS

1. David Thornwell has reported the uneven state of Gighill Rd and asked for investigation to see if the sub base has failed.
2. Trudy Dean has asked for retiming of A20 Ditton crosroads lights which are holding up A20 traffic for long periods.



DANGER AT BYPASS JUNCTION

Trudy has asked for urgent improvements to signs on the slip roads joining the bypass with London Rd. Several vehicles have crashed into the islands.



West Malling Station Car Park 'before Christmas'.

Work is due to start on the long awaited 200 space car park planned for West Malling Station and the park is expected to be open before Christmas. The privately owned car park will be on land enclosed by the bypass slip road. Earlier plans to cover farmland off Station Approach with parking were defeated by Lib Dems and local residents. Lib Dems also successfully pressed for the old station access road to be re-opened.



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