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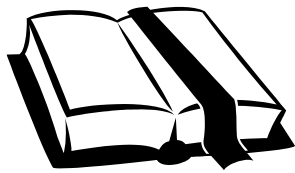
NOT THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

We underline again, we are NOT the Liberal Democrats. The Liberals have a long history behind many social changes. Lloyd George introduced the state pension. Beveridge designed the NHS. Keynes showed that government spending was needed to stop a recession hurting the vulnerable.

The Liberal Democrats are propping up the Tories. ConDem policies are hurting the vulnerable, the poor, the elderly and the young. This is not a Liberal approach, it is a destruction of our social fabric.

Kirkbymoorside Library

- threatened closure



The Conservative controlled County Council has threatened to close Kirby Library. The Liberals on NYCC found a way to keep the mobile libraries and all the Market Town Libraries (including Kirby) open. All would share 'cuts' of reduced opening hours, and slightly less books—but at least they would be open. Not a single Conservative Councillor voted for this fair solution. The Tories promised to delay the closure while volunteers are organised.

Has this 'delay' in closing Kirby Library anything to do with the local elections? Liberals will continue to campaign to keep all libraries open.

Community Politics

Other politicians, once elected, tend to ignore the people they represent. Liberals campaign with people to achieve benefits for all.

This is 'community politics'. The result is a stronger community working together to achieve a collective aim.



The Old Library

Liberals in Kirkbymoorside believe creating a 'Town Hall' for a small town is wrong. The cost is £160 for every household. Sarah Ward and others on Kirby Town Council have managed to put a halt to this waste of money. The Old Library was given to the people of Kirkbymoorside. Liberals believe it should benefit Kirby people.

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Ryedale District Council

The Liberal Group on Ryedale District Council is the *only* opposition. At the recent budget meeting the voice for change came from the Liberals. The Tories, Liberal Democrats and the so-called Independents all voted 25 to our 3 against our proposals. We continue to voice your views.



North Yorkshire Bus Services

Conservative controlled North Yorkshire County Council has removed the subsidy to evening and Sunday bus services. 40% of evening use is to and from work. Meanwhile some daytime services with less usage are still supported. How does this help our rural communities? Once again a blunt axe and not a scalpel to make a saving. The Liberals opposed this.



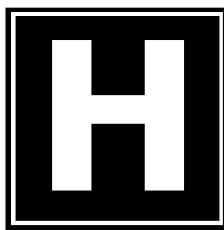
Cuts

The ConDem government has forced draconian cuts on Local Government. Liberals believe that the massive debt should be paid, but like a mortgage, be paid off over a longer period.



85% of the people in Ryedale voted for either the Tories or the Liberal Democrats. To those who supported the Liberal Democrats, are the actions of the present government what you voted for?

NHS Changes



For 60 years GPs have been the 'voice' of the patient. They have challenged the system. The ConDem government is changing the NHS. GPs will become the system. Who will be the 'voice' of the patient now?



Arms Sales

David Cameron going to the Middle East to discuss change is good. Good is not the word for taking 8 arms dealers with him.

NY Times

You should by now have received your *last* copy of the NY Times. The Conservative controlled County Council said it was 'value for money'. They have been forced to cancel it. £240,000 well saved—that is value for money.

Forests

The Liberals submitted a motion to Ryedale District Council calling to:

- Ⓢ Halt the waste of money on the consultation
- Ⓢ Abandon the sale of any forestry land.

Less than a week later, before it was debated, the ConDem Government had done a U turn and stopped the consultation. This is good news. However we need to watch them closely as they have a record of 'selling off the family silver'.

