



ALLIANCE FOR GREEN SOCIALISM



GOLBORNE IN FOCUS

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THE COMING GENERAL ELECTION

We have just witnessed the evidence being given to the Chilcot inquiry over the illegal Iraq war. Blair has now appeared in front of the inquiry and is unrepentant about his role in lying regarding the Iraq government having Weapons of Mass Destruction and his support for American aggression aimed at regime change.

Here in Britain as we prepare for the general election, we have the three main parties bound to big business and Brown wanting us to return to the situation before the economic collapse. I assume so that it can all happen again through the greed and avariciousness of the bankers. Already bankers are lining up for bonuses again while increasingly ordinary people are joining the dole queues.

In Kensington we have this new constituency and the Alliance for Green Socialism has adopted Eddie Adams as their candidate. Eddie who has stood before for parliament and in the Golborne ward for the council has been active on progressive issues for many years

Once the Labour Party slogan was New Labour New Britain ; Well we have had a taste of what New Britain is like and we don't like it. As for New Labour its so appealing that half the membership have left the party and Labour votes have hit a modern time low.

Kensington is a new constituency and this gives the voters a fresh chance to look at the issues. In Afghanistan our soldiers are dying along side thousands of civilians in a war that looks unwinnable for a cause undefinable. We should bring our troops home now.

Our Kensington constituency is constantly facing change recently the old peoples home in Edenham Way was demolished by our Tory council for a car park despite the wishes of the patients and their families. Kensington Housing Trust want to demolish Wornington Green Estate and rebuild it with 500 units for sale but with only the same amount of affordable houses as before and seek the Tories support to build on Athlone Gardens a local park without consulting the local people Holland Park School is due for demolition and rebuilt so that our council can hijack some of its land to build posh town houses for sale.

It was Margaret Thatcher who said there was no society and our Tories are busy trying to destroy our local communities. The AGS is concerned and fights to save our local environment. Athlone Gardens is one of the green lungs in our urban landscape and shouldn't be sacrificed to the profit seeking KHT We need nationally and locally to put people before profit. A vote for the AGS will clearly show that.

ELECTION MANIFESTO

The AGS General Election Manifesto 2010 is now available at £1 from Eddie Adams, 42, ST Lawrence Terrace, London W10 5ST



HONEYMOON OVER FOR BORIS



Boris Johnson's victory party is over and the balloons have begun to pop. The passengers on London Transport have lost their zest for merriment with the Mayors hike of bus and tube fares.

The cavalier actions by Boris of cancelling the fuel agreement with Venezuela and the tax on "Chelsea Tractors" has forced the ordinary traveller to face large increases in fares. He has also promised to scrape the Western Extension of the Congestion Charge with no alternative scheme to protect the environment and the obvious need to raise replacement funds from all travellers.

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THE PEOPLES CHARTER

A number of activists including leading trade unionists have come together to launch a Peoples Charter. The aim is to collect a million signatures to the charter and to use it as a force for change. The demands are around "A fairer economy for a fairer Britain" "More and better jobs" "Decent homes for all" "Save and improve our services" "For fairness and justice" "A better future starts now". These are the headings for more details. Log on to thepeoplescharter.com. Eddie Adams the AGS candidate is supporting the Charter and it is planned to have a public meeting in March. Watch out for details.

AGS stands to...

- Promote open, participatory, honest and accountable **democracy** offering genuine choice. Advance the interests of ordinary **people** and defend their interests against those with most wealth and power, including multinational companies.
- Socialist **redistribution** of wealth and power from rich to ordinary people.
- Defend the right of people to organise **collectively** at work and in their communities, locally, nationally and internationally. Ensure civil and **human rights** for all and equality of rights and opportunities, and combat all forms of unjust discrimination.
- Promote and preserve a healthy and natural **environment**.
- Promote a healthy and sustainable **economy**, benefiting those who contribute to it and those who need support.
- Restore the opportunity for **full employment** as the basic aim of economic life.
- For honest and **fair international relations**, end international exploitation.
- Campaign for **peace** and to abolish nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction.

MERRICK COCKELL'S GRAVY TRAIN

The leader of Kensington & Chelsea Merrick Cockell, not satisfied with being London's best paid borough leader (£66,478) grabs an extra £21,492 as chair of London Councils umbrella group. This Tory member of the board of the Tory Party also gets £14,000 as a member of the Audit Commission. Questions have also been raised about his expenses and his use of Kensington & Chelsea's ceremonial cars (a Bentley & Jaguar) supposedly only for the use of the Mayor and his deputy. He claimed in the local press "That six times a year the Mayor kindly gives me a lift". The Taxpayers Alliance activist Don Cameron claimed that Cockell made 11 solo rides including a return trip to Heathrow where he was catching a flight to New York to attend a conference as chair of London Councils. This was not Kensington & Chelsea Council business yet he still put the trip including first class flights, luxury hotel accommodation, more limos and entertaining as K&C expenses. This included a meal for two at £115 at the Four Seasons restaurant we don't even know who his guest was.

It is calculated that Cockell claimed £13,407,33 in expenses last year of which only £3,217 was declared on the council website. A dossier has been sent to the District Auditor Kash Pandya by the Lib Dem parliamentary candidate for Kensington.

Eddie Adams

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