

### THE PINWOOD AND THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Pinewood Community Hall is owned and operated by Pinewood Parish Council.

The Hall is run by the Parish Council's Community Hall Management Committee and is managed on a day to day basis by Parish Clerk and Hall Manager.

The Hall is open for private hire either via a regular club or activity or for a one-off party or celebration. Hiring of the hall is open to all but if you live in Pinewood or Sprites Ward in Ipswich then you will benefit from reduced hiring charges.

Pinewood is a large parish within the Babergh District of Suffolk, England and although not part of, is located on the south western fringe of Ipswich. The boundaries of our parish stretch from the Ipswich boundary to the A14 and A1214 corridor to where it meets at the Copdock Mill Interchange. We are nestled between Ipswich and the surrounding parishes of Wherstead, Belstead and Copdock and Washbrook and Sproughton. Pinewood benefits from having 'Belstead Brook park' within the parish, a pleasant place to walk and observe the wildlife.

The Parish mainly an urban area, was formed in 1994 as a result of a boundary review, the parish has continued to grow in population through a number of new residential developments and now has around 5000 inhabitants (3400 local government electors) in 2000 homes. The name 'Pinewood' was formed through combining the names of the two main residential areas at the time i.e. 'Pinebrook' which was previously within the Copdock and Washbrook parish boundary and 'Brookwood' previously within the Belstead parish boundary.

### HOW TO GET THERE

The Community Hall is situated in Pinewood between the Baptist Church at Shepherd Drive and the Shopping Centre in Laburnum Close. **Postcode: IP8 3SL**

**Travelling from A14:** From Junction Copdock Interchange take A1214 up to the main roundabout by Tesco store. Take third exit onto Scrivener Drive, marked Pinewood and Belstead. Continue to next roundabout with *Suffolk One College* on your left. Turn right into Shepherd Drive. Take the first road on your left, Laburnum Close. The Pinewood Community Hall is on the right passed the GP surgery and has adequate car parking.

**Travelling from Ipswich:** Take A1214 London Road out of Ipswich. Drive to the *Suffolk One* junction and turn left on to Scrivener Drive then take the next left into Shepherd Drive. Take the next road (Laburnum Close) on your left and the Community Hall car park access is on the right, passed the Pinewood GP Surgery.

**Bus stops for services 7,13,15 are nearby**

**Requests for assistance:** *If you have indicated that you wish to receive help in getting to the Conference we will contact you shortly to arrange this with you.*

### SUFFOLK LIBERAL DEMOCRATS CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS

Upon arrival at the Pinewood Centre, please register your attendance and arrange to collect your **name badge**, from the Conference Reception desk in the main Foyer. **The Conference** will be held in the **Lounge**.

**Coffee, tea and soft drinks and will be served from 2.45 – 3.15pm.**

The Conference programme is quite compact. Please minimise delays and disruption to the proceedings by ensuring your prompt arrival.

**Enquiries before the Conference:** [Sc3suffolkconference@gmail.com](mailto:Sc3suffolkconference@gmail.com)

**Enquiries on Conference day phone:** 0782 675 0403 (m)

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE SUFFOLK CONFERENCE - HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY HOME.**

**Come to Conference...** **online registration available**



**Autumn Conference 19-23 September 2015**

To take advantage of discounted rate, register before 19th June (Discounts for first time attenders)

## WELCOME TO THE SUFFOLK LIB DEM *fightback* CONFERENCE 2015

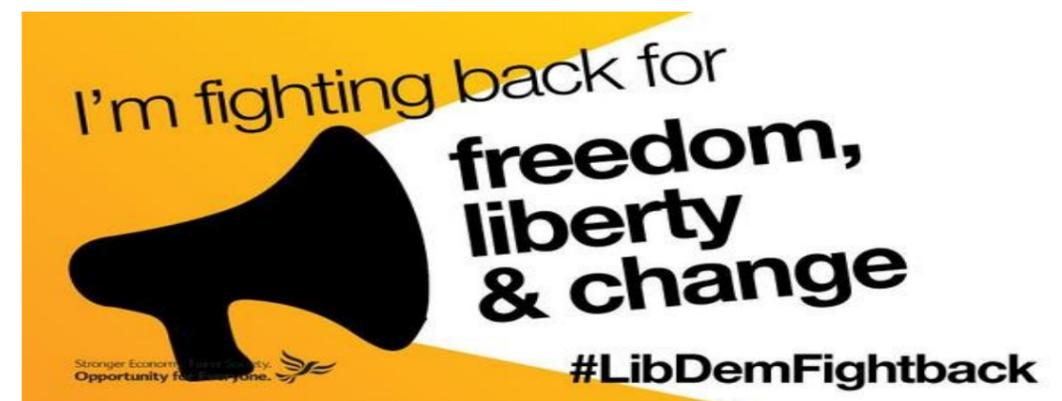


**SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2015**

**PINEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**LABURNUM CLOSE, PINWOOD**

**IPSWICH IP8 3SL**



**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

## CONTRIBUTORS



**BARONESS ROS SCOTT** Ros Scott has been a member of the House of Lords since 2000, having spent a decade serving as a local councillor at District and County level in Suffolk. Chair of the Local Government Association Transport Executive, Ros served on the Boards of the Commission for Integrated Transport and the Audit Commission. She has been a Lib Dem front bench Spokesman on transport, and on local government & housing, and is currently chair of the Lords EU Scrutiny Committee dealing with energy environment, agriculture and fisheries. In 2008 she was elected Party President and in her term presided over the 2010 General Election campaign and subsequent coalition negotiations.



**PENNY OTTON** Penny Lives in Rattlesden where she has been a Parish Councillor and ran the local playgroup. Currently, Penny serves as a member of Suffolk County Council and as a Mid Suffolk District Councillor, where she was a former leader. As a Councillor, Penny has been involved in a number of organisations including the arts and sport with the Arts Council and the 2012 London Olympics. Penny is married with two children and four grandsons.



**JON NEAL** Parliamentary Candidate for Central Suffolk & North Ipswich in May and in Haltemprice & Howden in 2001,2005 & 2010 Jon was a member of East Riding of Yorkshire Unitary Authority for five years until 2005. Candidate's aide to Tessa Munt in 2001 during the Ipswich by-election Jon is an accredited Liberal Democrat national trainer and candidate mentor through the Party's Leadership Programme. Currently Director of Woodbridge based Kendall Communications Ltd, Jon was a Kesgrave High School pupil, before going to Hull University. Currently lives with his family in North Ipswich.



**CAROLINE PAGE** County Councillor for Woodbridge since 2008. LD Spokesman for Transport & Highways (Shadow Spokesman for Transport 2009-13); Vice-Chair Education Transport Appeals Panel. Campaigner for rural transport, cycling, libraries, language teaching, epilepsy & family carers. Led the campaign to restore a youth travel card to Suffolk after its sudden abolition in 2011. A full time family carer and as a *CarerWithAttitude*, she was creator of the national *Carers' Virtual Strike*, 2014 and lobbied extensively to get carers into the LibDem manifesto. Caroline has a parallel career as a feminist performance poet. She speaks Mandarin, has travelled extensively by public transport in China - and opened this Chinese New Year's celebrations at Ipswich Corn Exchange with a rendition of that evergreen torch-song "*Yueliang daibiao wode xin*"!



**GRACE WEAVER** Having lived in East Bergholt for the first 20 years of her life, Grace has a strong knowledge of local issues including housing, transport and education. Grace was first attracted to the Liberal Democrats at the age of 16 by the party's emphasis on opportunity for all, liberal values, and the environment. Aged 25, she aims to engage more young people in politics. Parliamentary Candidate for South Suffolk in 2015 election.



**TIM HUGGAN** Currently East of England Lib Dem Campaign Committee Chair and Vice Chair St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath Lib Dems, former Chief of Staff in UK for Andrew Duff MEP. Suffolk County Organiser when Lib Dems achieved their best ever result county wide result. Ex Forest Heath District Councillor and Group Leader. In his day job Tim does press and communications for various organisations.



**MATT DOWNEY** Liberal Youth: Former Membership Development Officer and Chair Liberal Youth England. Matt was born in Crewe, grew up a bit in Yorkshire (also France, Reading and Mallorca (though not in that order). Joined the Liberal Democrats after they showed bravery at entering the coalition government in 2010.



**MARK VALLADARES** Mark Valladares has, over the years, held most organisational positions it is possible to hold in the Party, including as Regional Secretary in two Party Regions. He has organised candidate selections, conferences and a range of Local Parties, and has the minutes to prove it. Currently Treasurer of the Mid Suffolk Local Party, he represents the Liberal Democrats as a member of the Council of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats in Europe, the umbrella organisation for European liberalism, and serves on the Party's International Relations Committee.



**IAN HORNER** Party Campaigns Officer. Liberal Democrats Party Agent and Organiser since 1979 in Yorkshire, London and East of England. Campaigns Officer East of England including European Elections 2003-2014. Liberal Democrat Party trainer. Campaigns Officer and Agent for Colchester in 2015. Lives in West Suffolk and member of Brandon Town Council



**SIR BOB RUSSELL** Sir Bob was the Member of Parliament for Colchester from 1997 to 2015. He has been; a member of the Liberal Democrat Defence Team, a Party Whip, a former Sports Spokesperson for the Party, and a long serving member of the Home Affairs Select Committee. Bob Russell is a postgraduate of the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme. He is also a keen local historian, environmentalist, first-aider and road safety campaigner. Bob served as a Borough Councillor for 31 years, from May 1971 to May 2002 - longer than any other councillor in the town's history. He was Mayor in 1986 -1987 and Leader of the Council from 1987 to 1991. He is a journalist by profession.



**WELCOME** to the SC3 Suffolk `fightback` Conference.

The aftermath of a general election is always a good time to reassess what the party is about – why we are Liberal Democrats. We are now at a critical stage in our history having experienced a major electoral defeat and the loss of many good MPs and Councillors. Over the next months there will be a number of opportunities for you, together with our 17,000 new members to share in the development of policy and to help rebuild our party organisation for the challenges ahead. The Party leadership election in July will be followed by proposals for the way forward to be debated over the coming months. Locally, we will be looking to Suffolk parties to raise our profile, refine our campaign plans and mobilise our resource as the European Referendum campaign looms and with Police Commissioner, County Council elections and some `key issue` campaigns to focus our attention. This Conference will hopefully provide an opportunity to share ideas about the future direction of the party and how you can play a part. Enjoy meeting friends old and new but above all leave the Conference determined to go out and campaign and play your part in the `fightback!

Jon James, Chair SC3 Suffolk Coordinating Committee.



## PROGRAMME

### 13.45 – Registration for Conference

### 14:00 Welcome and Introduction by Ros Scott

### 14:05 How you can get involved.

Chaired by Jon James

1. - Becoming a Councillor.
2. - Standing for Parliament
3. - Local campaigning
4. - Policy making
5. - Going to Conference
6. - Liberal Youth
7. - Behind the scenes
8. - You have valuable skills.

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*Coffee, tea and soft drinks available from 2.45-3.15*

### 14:40 `Speed dating` sessions with main contributors at individual tables

**Personal political profiling – Question, discuss, and find out how to match your own interests, skills and energy and get more involved.**

### 15:40 Key note speech from Sir Bob Russell

### 16:00 Network and connect with others from your local party

**Ends**