

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Your round-up of all things Labour from across
Canterbury, Whitstable and the villages



Dear David,

Spring is here and your local Labour Party is entering peak campaign mode. Any contribution from members - even if you've never been involved before beyond reading these emails - would be so welcome. As such, could you possibly help with 1 of the 5 requests below?

1. Could you deliver some leaflets in the streets in your area for this election?

If you are willing to do this, please email campaigns@canterburylabour.email

2. Could you donate £30 today directly to Canterbury & Whitstable Labour Party? *This would be enough for us to send 50 letters to known Labour voters asking them to get postal votes.*

Yes, I can donate £30 to the local party

3. Could you consider being on a ballot paper, as a 'paper' candidate in this forthcoming election? *If so, please email davidewens@btinternet.com*

4. Could you join us for a door-knocking session, helping to get the word out about our exciting local campaign to residents? *Check out the door-knocking sessions in our area by clicking the button below and RSVP to say you are coming. We will buddy-up first time canvassers and people looking for a refresh!*

Yes, I can come out door knocking!

5. Do you have a skill you could use to help your local Labour Party? *At the moment, we'd particularly love to hear from any photographers who would come out to capture our candidates in action during a canvass, someone confident on social media micro-messaging who would like to be trained to use the party's paid ad placement technology, someone who had eagle eyes for proof-reading our copy and a few people who have a car and a tool set to drive around and put up our garden stakes and correx boards. Are you a member with the skills we need? Please email campaigns@canterburylabour.email*

Thank you to all our volunteers! Read on for news, updates and key dates this month.

Best wishes,

Charlotte Cornell

Vice Chair, Membership



Things are Getting Interesting in our Rural Seats!

Early canvasses in Chartham village are very promising with over 40% supporting Labour.

'Its getting more interesting,' says Chartham and Stone Street candidate, Mike Bland. 'Just yesterday out in Garlinge Green Road delivering leaflets a guy said to me "wow, thank you so much, we never get people coming all the way out here". Alister and I joked later that Labour reaches the parts other parties only dream about! Ours is the largest ward in the district and we can win in this rural ward.'

Want to join the zeitgeist? Meet tomorrow 11am at the Village Hall Chartham Hatch, or email charthamlabour@gmail.com.



Labour supports Canterbury's Ukrainian Community

Our Labour councillors Alan Baldock, Alister Brady, Jean Butcher, Mel Dawkins, Pat Edwards, Pip Hazelton, Valerie Kenny, Connie Nolan and CLP chair and Barton ward candidate Paul Prentice attended the vigil for Ukraine, with readings in both English and Ukrainian, at the Canterbury Christ Church chapel on the anniversary of the Russian invasion on Friday 24th February.

Joined also by Rosie Duffield MP, many of the Labour Group walked down Canterbury High Street alongside many of the local Ukrainian community as well as people who have supported them over the last year were also in attendance

Earlier in the day, Paul and Connie accompanied the Canterbury 4 Ukraine women's choir who had been invited to attend the naming of a Southeastern train 'Spirit of

Ukraine', highlighting the links forged between Ukrainian families and the people of Kent at a ceremony at London Cannon Street station, an event that was covered by regional media.

Connie, who is a Labour councillor for Barton Ward in Canterbury, was instrumental in setting up the Canterbury for Ukraine group and is pictured in the photo above holding the flag in the front row. She says, 'I am amazingly privileged to work with people who are so resilient and positive. They sang in the railway carriage all the way up, at the event and all the way home.'

What a special day. The local Labour Party stands in complete solidarity with the people of Ukraine.





Award for our Fantastic Women's Officer: Elizabeth Carr Ellis

I'm excited to celebrate a fantastic achievement by Elizabeth Carr Ellis, our Women's Officer and candidate for St. Stephen's ward in Canterbury.

A few weeks ago now, Elizabeth was named one of the *Big Issue's* Changemakers 2023 for her work fighting for greater workplace rights, legislative change and inclusive, social understanding for women going through the menopause.

You can read The Big Issue's piece on Elizabeth's work with 50sense and beyond [here](#).

She will not be expecting this, but I think it is important to shout loudly about the amazing work our members do and I particularly enjoy platforming some fantastic sisters across our movement; Elizabeth can tell me off later! If you want to say "well done" to Elizabeth, then reach out on women@canterburylabour.email



Dates for the Diary

All canvass sessions (of which there are lots and lots) are now on Labour events. [Please put in your postcode to find one and join in!](#) If you can only make one this month, please pick from one of these key sessions:

SELECTED KEY CANVASS SESSIONS

Saturday 4th March, 11am - Chartham and Stone Street canvass, meet at Chartham Hatch Village Hall

Wednesday 8th March, 3pm - Wincheap ward canvass, meet at the corner of Victoria Road and Wincheap (near the lighting shop)

Saturday 11th March, 3pm, Gorrell ward (Whitstable) canvass. Meet on the corner of Saddleton Road and Canterbury Road (near the shop)

Tuesday 14th March, 4pm, Barton ward. Meet on St. Andrew's Close by Aldi.

Saturday 18th March, 2pm - Barton Ward Canvass, meet at the corner of Cossington and Old Dover Road.

Saturday 29th March, Midday - St Stephen's Ward Canvass, meet on St. Michael's Road.

There are also some other key event this month:

HELP GET LEAFLETS OUT

Sunday 5th March, 10am. Meet on Station Road by The Heron pub. *More hands to deliver leaflets and get some strides in will be most welcome! You can then get a Sunday coffee by the sea.*

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

To see the other Women's events this month - including two of the fantastically popular coffee mornings - please see the email sent out earlier today.

Sunday 12th March, 3pm, Women of Canterbury walk. Join us to discover more about Canterbury's fascinating women of history in this one-hour walk around the city. Meet in the Buttermarket

QUIZ!

Saturday 4th March, 7pm for 7.30 start. Herne Bay branch are organising a fundraising quiz tomorrow. It is only £5 per person, bring your own drinks and snacks. Book via judyhblp@gmail.com