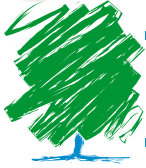
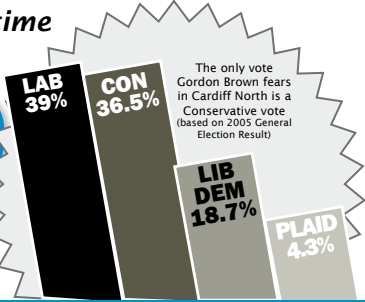


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HEATH PARK

Some residents were surprised to learn from our last 'In Touch' that parts of Heath Park were never included in King George V Field when it was first dedicated in 1952.

The area in question is the Cathays playing fields which has always been school land. However, since the Liberal led Council's policy to sell off school land at Llanrumney and Whitchurch, we are monitoring the situation and can tell you that steps are being taken to protect the area. We must stress that as far as we know, there are no plans at the moment to develop this area.

Jonathan Evans, local Conservative Candidate, has also pledged his support for Heath Park and will work with Cllr. Lyn Hudson and Cllr. Ron Page to ensure that the area is protected.



EVANS WARNS OF LABOUR TAXES

Jonathan Evans, Conservative Candidate for Cardiff North, has warned that the Labour Government has ordered a massive increase in taxpayer-funded advertising budgets as the General Election approaches.

'Since Labour came to office there has already been a four-fold increase in advertising promoting the Government, but in the past year of recession, Labour has increased spending still further by 40% to over £232 million. All of that money is coming from taxpayers.

At a time when even Labour are accepting that budgets will need to be cut, the massive increase in Labour Government self-advertising at the taxpayer's expense is morally unacceptable.'

Jonathan said: 'We are also seeing newspaper adverts and leaflets promoting MPs continuing to be funded from the House of Commons Communications Allowance, which the Kelly report clearly said was taxpayer funded promotion of MPs and should be stopped. Some MPs just seem to think they can carry on regardless.'

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NEWS IN BRIEF...

HEALTH REFORMS A STEP CLOSER

The Assembly has finally agreed to Jonathan Morgan's proposal for Wales to have powers to reform mental health services in Wales. Jonathan has been pioneering a proposed transfer of powers from London to Cardiff to allow the Assembly to provide better services for those with psychological conditions.

The proposal will now be considered by Parliament.

Jonathan said: "I am delighted to be the first

opposition AM to reach this stage with a proposed transfer of powers – the Assembly needs to do more for those with a mental illness, we need faster intervention services and advocacy to help people get the best help. We should lead the rest of the UK in this important reform."



Jonathan Morgan, Assembly Member for Cardiff North, at Heath Hospital

COMMUNITY SINGING GROUP

After an inaugural meeting in February, a more permanent venue is being sought to develop the singing talents of the Heath and Birchgrove community. It is being run by our excellent musical director Kelvin Thomas.

Further details will be made available via our newsletters or by contacting Councillor Lyn Hudson on the contact details overleaf.

POTHOLES

The recent bad weather has played havoc with our roads. We have already reported a number of potholes as they are dangerous for cars and more particularly for cycles. If you know of any that need repair, please let us know.

FOOTBALL

Last year Mayfair Stores in St Isan Road arranged a very successful charity match for 'Help the Heroes' and plan to do the same this year, possibly against a team from Birchgrove or the boys' club Heath Park Rangers. We have promised to give it our full support and trust that residents will turn out in their hundreds (or thousands) for what will be a good day out.

LABOUR INSULTS LOCAL BOBBIES

Jonathan Evans, Conservative Candidate for Cardiff North, has condemned Labour's Justice Secretary Jack Straw for insulting hard pressed local police officers. Straw recently claimed that police officers preferred to remain warm in police stations with paperwork, rather than getting out on the beat and tackling crime.

Jonathan said : 'The truth is that Jack Straw and his Labour MPs have tied up the hands of the police with bureaucracy. They have ignored the professional judgment of police officers and denied them the freedom to do their jobs – violent crime has increased as officers are forced to spend more time on paperwork than on patrol.



Labour's early release scheme has seen over 70,000 criminals released early, while prisons remain overcrowded, hampering efforts to rehabilitate prisoners. The bond between the police and the public must be rebuilt, and the first step will be cutting the red tape which prevents the police from doing their job properly'.

HIGHWAYS AND PARKING AROUND THE HEATH

Plans have been outlined to prevent all day parking at Heath Hospital by the installation of meters in areas of Heath Park, such as the car park at the Model Railway.

The Council propose to make the first one and a half hours free but your Councillors, Lyn Hudson and Ron Page, do not feel happy with this proposal and think it should be at least two hours.

Added to this there is a move to give Model Railway members a permit to park completely free. The response from residents so far is one of anger as many of the club members do not live in Cardiff and therefore do not pay our council tax. There was also no mention of any disabled spaces. The good news as we understand it is there will be no restrictions at weekends. We have made representation with our views and will keep residents informed of the outcome.

From July, if approved by the Welsh Assembly Government, traffic wardens will come under the control of Cardiff Council.

If you would like a say on how to improve our ward with regard to specific problem areas, then there is a survey published in the latest issue of Capital Times (also available online) which asks residents and businesses questions on problem parking in their area.

We will be making representation as to the areas we feel give us major problems, but if you could take the time to complete the survey or if you would like to contact us, we would welcome your views.

CONSERVATIVES 'intouch' WITH THE HEATH

We will be continuing to visit the different streets and roads in your area, and if a group of you would like to meet us and our Parliamentary Candidate Jonathan Evans, please let us know and we can arrange a visit. In the meantime, if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Those of you who have an hour to spare and would like to help us in any way, whether it is posting leaflets, addressing envelopes or just by helping with some telephoning, please contact us using the details on the front of this leaflet.

MEDIA WALES WEBSITE *THE HEATH*

A new website is being planned for Cardiff with specific information on the various wards. The idea is that you can access information for our area at the click of a button with places of interest, leisure and shopping being listed.

This website will contribute items directly into the Echo Extra editions (previously Cardiff Post) as soon as the website becomes active in the near future.

You can still view an online copy of this newsletter on Jonathan's web site www.jonathanevans.co.uk



PACT MEETINGS

The meetings are scheduled bi-monthly and are held at Maes-y-Coed Community Centre, Maes-y-Coed Road.

The next meetings will be on Monday the 22nd of February and Monday the 19th of April.

They are a forum for voicing any problems as the police and councillors attend the regular sessions. Parking issues will be the priority at the next meeting.

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We would like to keep in touch with you about the issues affecting our area. If you would be happy for us to do this by email and mobile phone, please complete your details below:

Name

Address

Phone*

Email*

Can you help?

- I can deliver leaflets in my road
- I can display a poster at election time
- I would like a postal vote
- I would like to make a donation
- I would like to join the Cardiff North Conservative Association

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