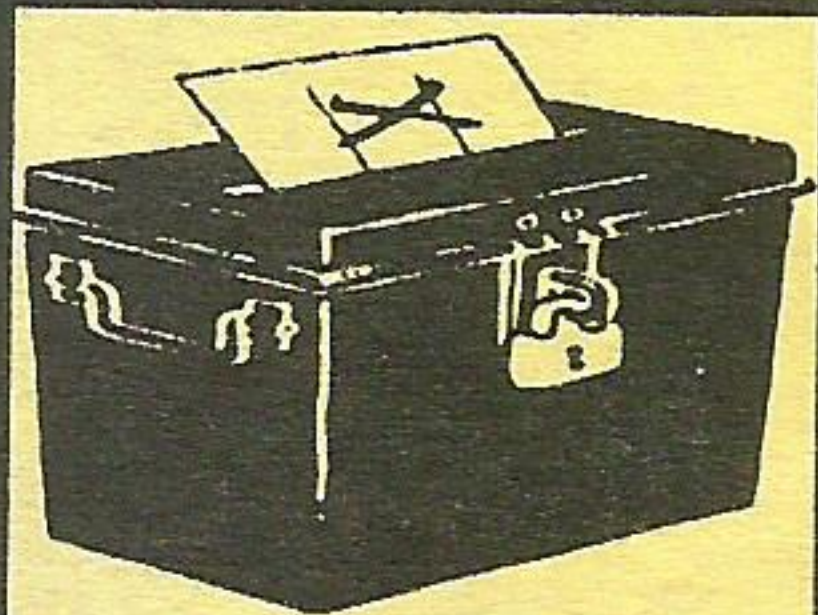


Liberal Democrat Focus Team

For our next MP...

**MARTIN
VYEE**



**Polling
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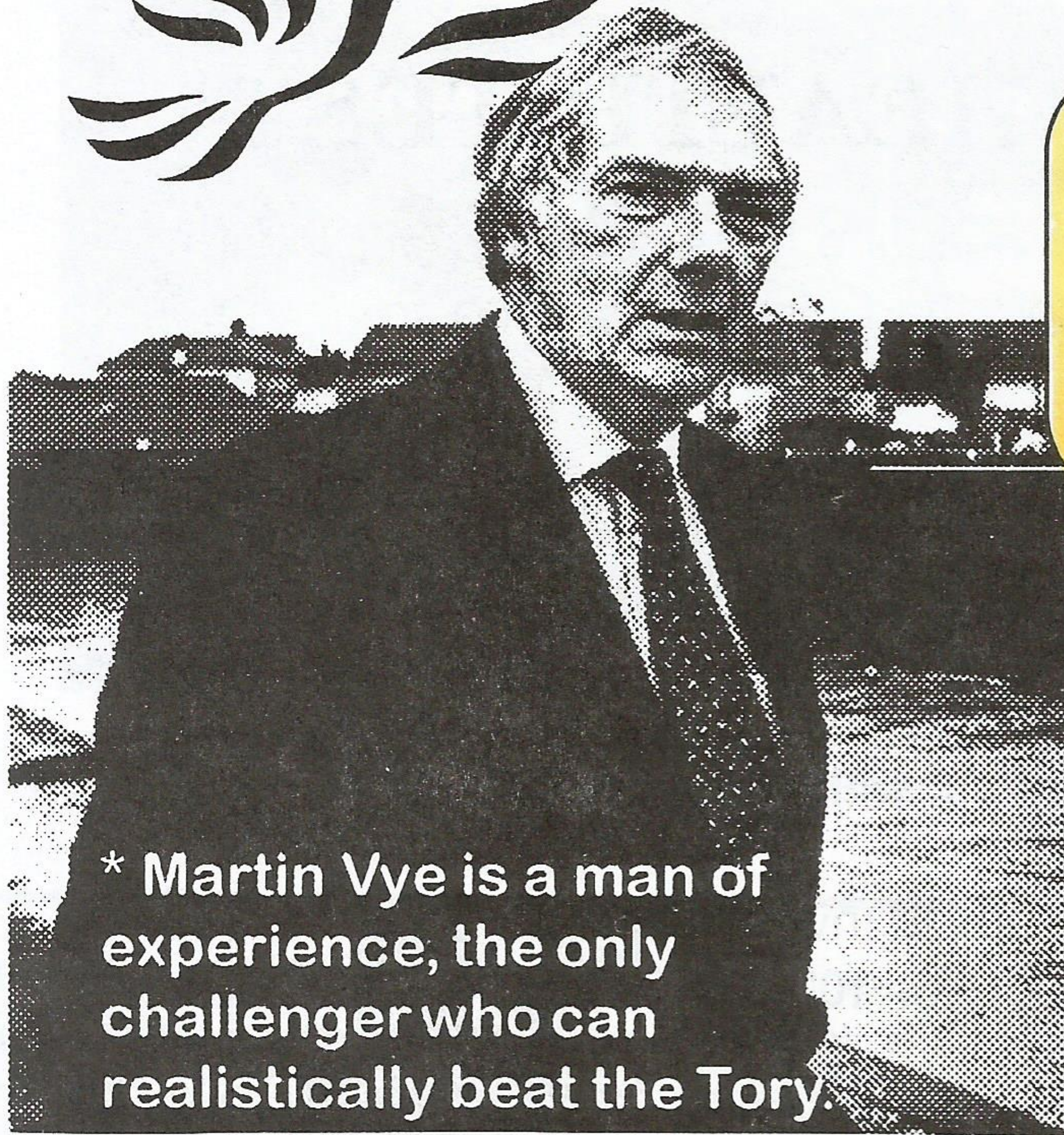
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**LIBERAL DEMOCRAT FOCUS TEAM
ELECTION SPECIAL**

**MARTIN VYE
CAN MAKE
THE DIFFERENCE**

**1989-1997 - EIGHT YEARS
OF LOCAL SUCCESS**



*** Martin Vye is a man of experience, the only challenger who can realistically beat the Tory.**

Nobody trusts the Conservatives any more.

Labour are 20,000 votes behind the Tory with no chance of winning

- This election is a straight fight between Liberal Democrat Martin Vye and the Conservative who helped put VAT on fuel and who supports Tory tax bribes, which have put Kent schools at risk.
- Labour cannot win here. They were over 20,000 votes behind the Tory last time. They are so far behind that a secret Labour Party document urges them to fight a “low intensity”, low resource” campaign and give up in this seat.

Liberal Democrats — campaigning for the future of our area



What will go next under Tory NHS cuts? Clive Wake (1st left) and Martin Vye campaign to keep K & C paediatrics unit, but local services could still be hit.

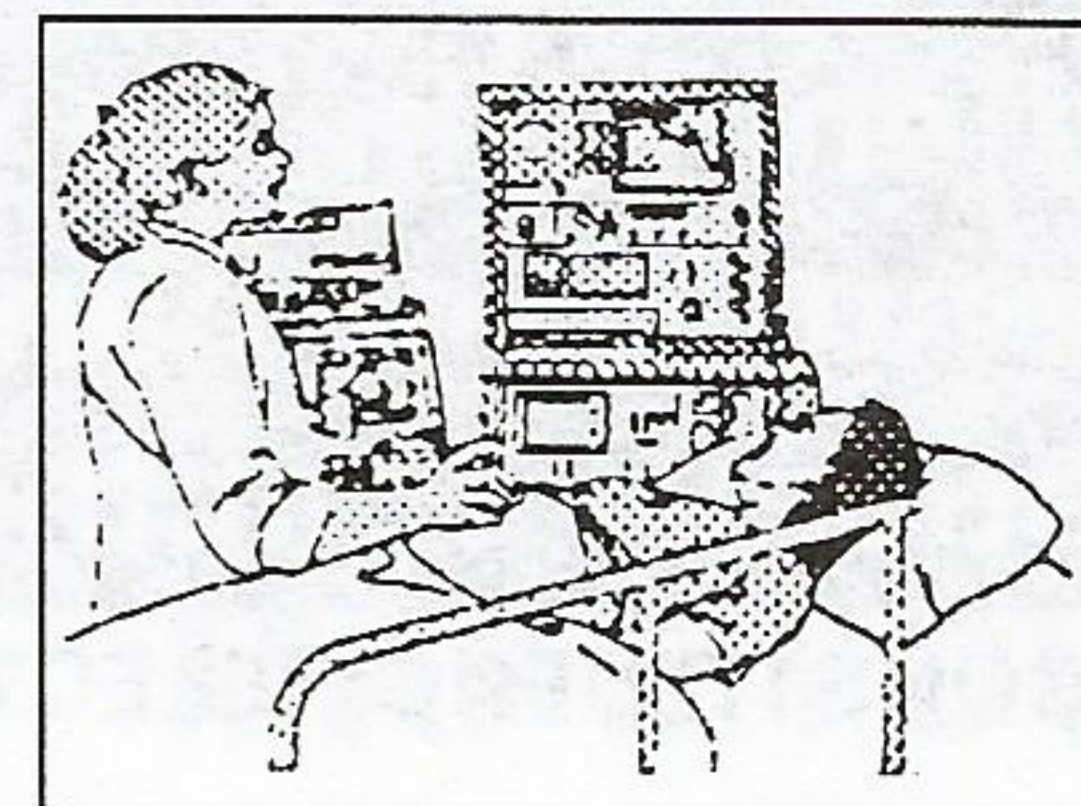
LIB DEMS PASS HEALTH TEST

Cash cutbacks in the NHS have made headline news recently. Our local hospitals deserve much better support than they are getting from the Tories.

Only after swift public intervention, in which Martin Vye played an important role, did the paediatrics ward at Kent & Canterbury survive.

Yet neither the Conservatives nor Labour offer a penny to improve our cash-starved hospitals. **Tory NHS spending will fall again this year.**

The Liberal Democrats will find the money to invest an extra £360 million in the NHS — enough for **10,000 extra nurses.**



Only the Liberal Democrats will make sure that every three- or four-year old can have a place in pre-school education and will provide proper training for all 16 - 17 year olds.

IT IS OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE THAT COUNTS



How can we make a success of young people's lives. when all that happens to our schools are cut after cuts?

ACTION TO BEAT CRIME



Martin Vye going into Canterbury Police Station for a regular meeting with the Superintendent to discuss the fight against crime.

Martin Vye has been actively supporting local police in their fight against crime. At the last election the Conservatives promised an extra 1,000 police officers. Yet today Whitstable police station is now closed at night and police in Canterbury are under pressure. The Liberal Democrats will ensure that our police force is properly funded and more resources will enable an extra 3,000 police officers to be put back on the beat.

WHO CAN WE TRUST AT THIS ELECTION ?

"We have no plans to extend the scope of VAT"

John Major's election promise, March 27th 1992

Since then the Conservatives have put VAT on fuel, and our local MP wanted it even higher at 17.5%

"We will cut taxes year on year"

John Major before the last election

Since promising to cut taxes in the 1992 election, the Conservatives have introduced twenty different tax increases for ordinary people.

"The next Conservative government will keep up the battle against crime"

John Major, March 23rd 1992

Today, clear-up rates are half what they were in 1979, and have fallen again since 1992.

YOU CAN'T TRUST THE TORIES ON ANYTHING !

In 1989 Martin Vye overturned a huge Tory majority to win a seat on Kent County Council. Four years later he created the biggest Lib Dem majority in Kent. Since then, Martin has led local opposition from County Hall against Government cuts, particularly in school funding.

In 1995 he was elected to the City Council, becoming economic development spokesman. He is working hard to increase jobs across our district.

Martin Vye is also a determined environmental campaigner, leading the fight to save Barham Downs from development, and protect people from pollution at Thruxted Mills.

**Lib Dem Campaign HQ,
22 Pilgrims Way,
Canterbury**

At last, the day has arrived to decide our country's future.

This Tory government cannot meet the challenges of our community. We see the results – underfunded schools, local hospitals under threat and a dangerously overstretched police force.

Labour offer no change, and stand no chance in this seat. Liberal Democrats are honest about what must be done. We believe in effective public services; but Liberal Democrats want to: *a) cut tax for low earners, and b) tax pollution instead of jobs, by cutting NI for example.*

The big question is the are those of us who can afford it willing to pay less than £1 a week if necessary to make the difference? What costs more? Making public services available to all, or starving them of resources, forcing everyone to pay the high price of private health care, education and protection?

Only Liberal Democrats prefer the former. Don't waste your vote.



PS. Remember Labour are 20,000 votes adrift --- they can't win

THE FAST GROWING LIB DEM FOCUS TEAM...

- The second party of local government — 5,000 Lib Dem councillors, 55 Lib Dem controlled councils, 150 councils with Lib Dem influence, £35 billion of spending, MORE THAN THE CONSERVATIVES.
- Consistent Lib Dem vote in Canterbury and Whitstable elections — the only ones seriously challenging the Tories.
- Emma Nicholson MP and Peter Thurnham MP's defection to the Liberal Democrats from the Conservatives.

...WHO ARE TAKING ON THE TORIES AND WINNING

LABOUR GIVES UP

Labour's leadership are ordering their Canterbury & Whitstable branch to give up in this campaign, as they have no chance of winning.

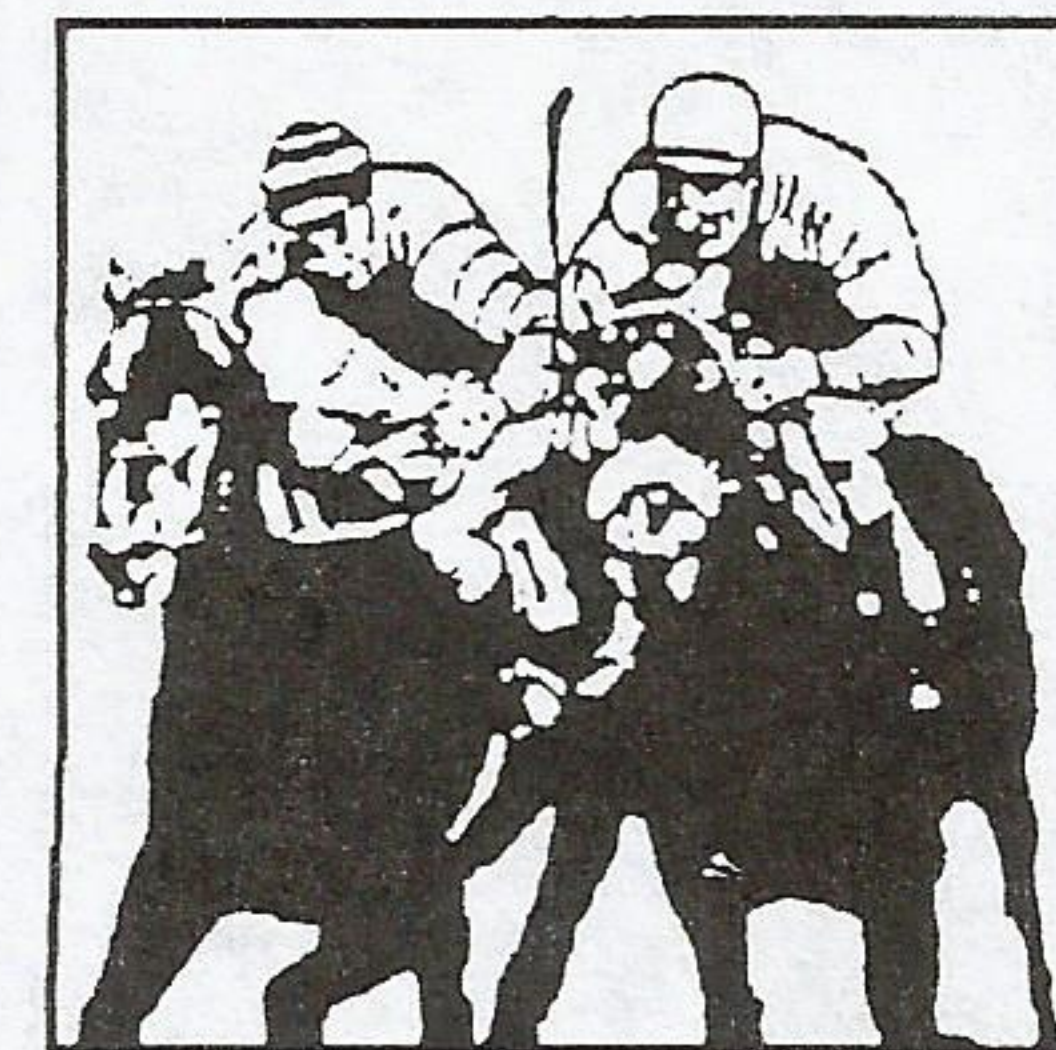
The Labour candidate has been bussed in from Ramsgate, as no one local wants to take on such an impossible task. Labour need a massive 20,000 extra votes to win.

The instruction is given in a leaked copy of Labour's General Election Handbook.

With an introduction by Labour leader Tony Blair, it urges only a "basic campaign" to be run in seats where Labour came third last time.

Labour trailed a poor third in Canterbury & Whitstable in 1992.

It appears that Tony Blair has given up in this area, following former Labour supporters now backing Martin Vye as the only one to beat the Tory.



It's a two horse race – Labour can't win!



MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT !