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Another Resignation, Another By-Election!

Just over 12 months after the 1st resignation another Conservative councillor decides to resign causing another vacancy on the Town Council that will cost council tax payers at least £2,000.

The **Liberal Democrats candidate Sachin Singhal** and his young family live in the town. Sachin works locally and wants to help build community cohesion between all the residents of the town and see young and older people given a fair deal. Unfortunately, the Conservatives candidate does not live in the town. Currently 7 out of the 12 Conservative councillors **DO NOT LIVE IN THE TOWN.** Please do not let it be 8 out of 13.

Please support the **LOCAL Liberal Democrat candidate SACHIN SINGHAL**

Election day will be Thursday 26th November 2009.

So Who is Sachin?

I was born in India and moved to Britain in 2000 and to Bradley Stoke in 2002. I have worked as a Network Designer with a large Mobile Communications company in Aztec West for the last 7 years. I am married To Ritu, we have one daughter Alisha aged 2 and a new baby boy named Shaan. My hobbies include cricket, taking long walks, and reading, but with the arrival of Shaan I'm sure I'll have to put these on hold.

Immediately after moving to Bradley Stoke, I fell in love with it and perhaps it is one of the reasons that I gave up my Indian Citizenship and took a British one instead. Things I like about the English culture are its sense of humour, and the diversity and assertiveness among the local people.

Bradley Stoke is a diverse community and one of my main reasons for contesting this election is that I believe I can bring different ideas to the table and help build bridges between the different cultures living in town. Having a young family I am also concerned about the facilities available to young people; I want to ensure that they are not standing on street corners but are contributing positively to the society. I am a determined person and if I'm elected I will be happy to take on any issues that people feel strongly about and make sure that the town council listens to people views.



Sachin attends the Diwali celebrations at the Town Centre and meets some of the "celebrities" present

Phoenix from the Flames?

News that a new Bowls Club could rise from the demise of the Northavon Bowls Club (NABC) was met with some scepticism when the Town Council announced that there had been talks with the NABC's former Chairman. **Jon Williams** said *"I was elected a year ago to try and help get agreement so that NABC could continue to play at Bailey's Court. Unfortunately, the Conservative run town council barred me from attending any of the meetings and later killed off the bowls club at a meeting where 6 Conservative councillors abstained from the vote meaning that the vote was lost by 2 votes to 1 and the club was no more."*

Now, after spending over £7,000 (per annum) of your money on a bowling green that hasn't been used for 2 years the council is now trying to get a new club up and running. However, the stumbling block last time was how much the club was prepared to pay and this may well be the barrier that prevents a new club from taking up the offer.

Sachin Singhal said *"I've noted that the council has not mentioned any subsidy for any new club and so the £6,000 cost being quoted will be difficult to raise. If I am elected I will propose a fee based on the number of members the club has and ensure that they are helped to make a success of the venture. In reality any money the council gets from a new club will reduce the debt they pay out each year."*

Let down by the Conservatives

Young people in the town forced to move to a new youth club in Brook Way without any consultation have now learnt that the promised transport to take from Baileys Court and the Jubilee Centre has been cancelled.

In a surprise move the Conservatives who promised young people they would be collected from various points in the town and transported to the new club, decided to withdraw the offer leaving potential users up to 2 miles to travel to get to the new facility.

What do the Lib Dems want to achieve?

The Liberal Democrats want:

- A Town Council who will support local people and encourage community activities
- A Town Council who listen to what residents want and work with them to achieve it
- A Town Council which makes a promise and keeps it
- A Town Council which makes decisions AFTER consultation, not BEFORE
- A Town Council made up of residents of the town, where members don't sit on other town/parish councils

If YOU agree, VOTE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT

Why vote for Liberal Democrat candidate Sachin Singhal ?

- Sachin is a Bradley Stoke resident who is keen to see the communities within the town be supportive of each other
- He will work to ensure that a new bowls club is viable and will ensure that the council reduces it's burden on the Council tax payer
- He will work with young people and youth workers to provide a youth club which people are able to access regardless of where they live in the town
- He will lobby for consultation with residents on the location of the new Town Council offices and ensure they have a voice in any development choice
- He (and other Lib Dems) will find out residents views on traffic calming and consult on the outcomes