



**CLP Secretary's Report
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The past few months have been an eventful time for the Labour Party and also for Yeovil CLP. I am pleased to announce that the Communication Workers' Union are now affiliated to Yeovil CLP, no doubt due to our efforts in opposing the gradual privatisation of the post office network. It is important for CLPs to stand by their Trade Union comrades and this CLP has put this into practice over the past few months.

It is with the help of Bill Byrd (Secretary, Yeovil BLP) and Paul Smith (Labour PPC) that I have started to put together a newsletter for the whole of Yeovil CLP. The newsletter will be released every other month and will contain articles on local issues as well as commentary on national ones. Every member from across the constituency is encouraged to write for the newsletter and we will try our best to ensure that the articles are published. We will be using the newsletter to keep other CLPs and Trade Union colleagues (as well as our members) up to date on the work we do each and every month. I also intend to circulate this newsletter amongst other CLPs.

It is my intention to arrange campaign activities in the coming months with the assistance of the general committee of this CLP. Helen Weeks (Vice Chair 2) will be taking to the streets with our members to promote the work of the Labour Party in tackling fox-hunting. It is also my intention to ensure we start going door to door and meeting people on the door step and listening to their concerns. It is only through meeting people face to face that we stand any chance of increasing our share of the vote at the next general election. We have the superior policy and it is time we started promoting them on the door step.

It is also with this report that I remind our members that by the time of the 16th October General Committee meeting, I will already have made my move to London. It is with the consent of the General Committee that I remain as CLP Secretary and continue to direct the activity of this constituency party. In order to assist me in my duties as CLP Secretary the General Committee has agreed to appoint David Kingdon as Assistant CLP Secretary. I look forward to working with him in the near future.

I also feel duty bound to inform everyone that with my move to London it is my intention to run for election to the national executive of the Labour Representation Committee (LRC). I have already sent off my nomination forms and I thank Paul Smith and Bill Byrd as members of the LRC and the Labour Party for supporting my nomination.

Lee Skevington, CLP Secretary