

**PENDLESIDE**

# *Labour Rose*

**AUTUMN 2008**



**Your “heads up” for a double election next year -**

## ***ROBERT ALLEN CHOSEN FOR PENDLESIDE’S COUNTY COUNCIL SEAT***

Next year sees the election for seats on Lancashire County Council - the body responsible for roads, schools, social services and many other functions we take for granted. County elections only take place every four years, so it’s vitally important to get your vote in when the time comes.



Pendleside, together with Barrowford and Reedley, make up the County’s Pendle West division.

Labour has selected Reedley resident, Robert Allen, to stand for the County. Robert, who was born in Colne and has lived locally almost all his life, is the Constituency Labour Party Chair and works for a local environmental charity.

Robert says “There’s no doubt that if the Conservatives take over the County Council next year it will be cuts, cuts, cuts all the way. The Liberal democrats are a completely marginal party at County level, and their support in Pendle is plummeting, so I shall be fighting to take this seat for Labour .

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## ***EUROPE: “Huit points”***

Next June will also give Pendleside residents the opportunity to vote in the European Parliament elections. Labour’s team for the eight North West seats is headed up by consumer champion Arlene McCarthy .

As Chair of the European Parliament’s Consumer Protection Committee, Arlene has led successful campaigns for better rights for Temporary Agency workers, a crackdown on rogue timeshare traders and for a safer internet for children. Hardly surprising she’s been nominated for this year’s Woman of the Year Award!

Second on the list is veteran campaigner Brian Simpson who came to talk to Pendle Labour Party’s General Committee about his work in Europe this week. One of his key messages is that European Parliament elections are run on a proportional basis, so every vote counts.

The other six Labour Euro Candidates are: Theresa Griffin, Stephen Carter, Jane Clarke, Riaz Ahmad, Claire Johnston and Brian Boag.



Arlene McCarthy MEP



Brian Simpson MEP

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***WILL YOU BE NEEDING A POSTAL VOTE FOR NEXT JUNE?***

***SEE OVERLEAF***

## NEED A POSTAL VOTE?

Both County and European parliament elections next year are scheduled to be on the same day, 4 June.

Any body likely to be away at that time should apply for a postal vote if they haven't already got one.

Contact the Electoral Registration Officer at Pendle Council, Town Hall, Nelson, BB9 7LG, or ring (01282) 661919.



## NEW WEBSITE

**pendlelabour.com** has undergone a revamp recently and now offers much more about what the party is doing nationally and locally, as well as keeping you up to date with some of what our MP Gordon Prentice is up to. (Visit his own expanded site **www.gordonprenticemp.com** for full details.)

See for yourself the pitiful sums low wage earners would be getting if Labour hadn't introduced the minimum wage. Or read how a Tory promise on fuel tax would add millions of pounds to British families' bills.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Local Labour membership is steadily going up amongst both old and young. Come and join us at our monthly meetings at the White Swan if you want to make a difference to your community.

To join **Barrowford & Pendleside Labour Party**

By phone: contact the CLP Secretary on 612573 or The Labour Party on 08705 900 200

Online: visit [www.labour.org.uk/join](http://www.labour.org.uk/join)

Or get in touch with any of the members listed to the right

## CONTACT

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### Your MP for Pendle

Gordon Prentice MP: 695471

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IF YOU HAVE A LOCAL PROBLEM OR ISSUE, WRITE TO OUR FREEPOST ADDRESS

Dear Bob Allen,

Can you please do something about \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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