

Due to the fact that the manifesto for 2015 is now being written, the discussion group papers from CCHQ have ceased until after the next election. However, I still want to keep something going, so I'm writing to say that I intend to hold **the first meeting of a new style discussion group on Monday 20 October 2014 – at 7.30pm at my house 10 Amherst Place, Riverhead, TN13 3BT** (unless I'm so overwhelmed with people wanting to attend, I have to change venue!)

The new format I propose is that there will be a speaker for 20 minutes or so on a particular subject – followed by a discussion on the topic.

To kick it off, I propose to speak myself! The topic will be under the very snappy title of;

"From Trotsky to Tory – and why the Conservatives are the true workers party"

It will be partly about my journey from being a member of Militant in the Labour Party during the tail end of 1979 and the early 1980's, but will lead onto why I think that it is actually the Conservative Party who truly represent "the workers" – rather than this being the domain of the Labour Party as they have people believe. I'll even throw in a few thoughts on how UKIP have been making their own inroads and how we should deal with this threat.

Future dates for your diary are;

Monday 17 November Ian Galetti will be speaking on "A Strong Economy - the Key to Survival".

Monday 26 January Nick Busvine OBE will talk about his time working in the diplomatic service in the Middle East and will also touch upon the current situation.

My plan is then to hold further meetings in late February and March – before breaking off for the General Election. So now is the chance to step forward and volunteer for February and March! So please let me know if you would like to speak on a particular topic – I'd be glad to hear from you.

If you're interested in attending any of these meetings will you please be so kind as to confirm by either emailing myself at graham.clack@blplaw.com or calling me on 07769644576 or email the office at office@sevenoakstory.org.uk