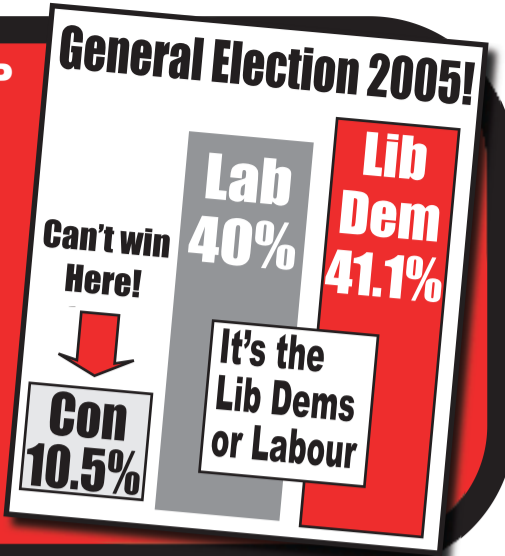


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LIBERAL DEMOCRATS



On Spotland and Falinge

Lib Dems introduce FREE after 3 Parking

* Lib Dems push ahead with plans to revitalise our town centre

* Whilst Labour calls for a halt to £250M regeneration plans

Focus is delighted to announce that all council owned car parks in Rochdale town centre will be FREE AFTER THREE, everyday of the week, for all residents.

The initiative, which was put in place by the Liberal Democrats, is a ground breaking step to increase trade in our town centre. Meanwhile Labour have demanded that ALL regeneration plans be put on HOLD, putting the future of town centre businesses at even greater risk during these uncertain economic times.

Local Councillor Greg Couzens said: "This is just one of a number of measures that the Lib Dems are putting place to help local people and businesses beat the crunch. We are getting some great feedback from residents and retailers who say they have already noticed an increase in trade. The Lib Dems in Rochdale will continue to fight for local businesses."

Rochdale MP Paul Rowen said: The Lib Dems have introduced a



set of positive series of measures to improve our town centre. A new sixth form college, the Metrolink coming to our new transport interchange and the £250m for new businesses and it is clear to see that Rochdale town centre has quite a few exciting years ahead of it. However, there is always more we can do. That is why I am asking you to fill in your top three priorities for our town centre overleaf. Your views are important to us."

Spotland comes together for community exhibition

Local residents came together recently as your Lib Dem Council and Spotland and Falinge Community Centre held a special open day exhibition.

Residents were invited down to get information on a wide range of issues including welfare rights, cutting crime within the community and the local environment.

Local Councillor Peter Clegg said: "I'd like to thank the Council and Spotland Community Centre

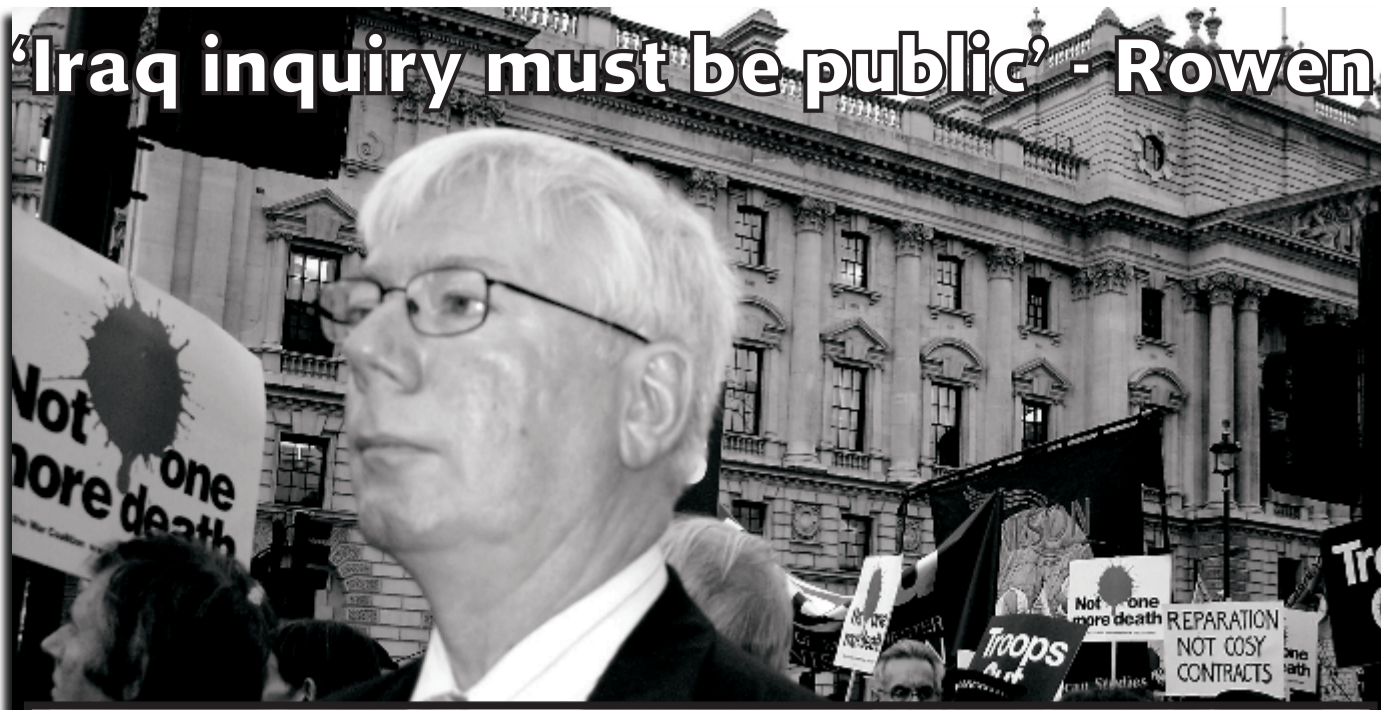
for hosting such a superb exhibition. Events like these are important for communities like ours, especially with many people struggling at the moment."

Councillor Barbara Todd added: "I was delighted to see so many different agencies turning up to offer free help and advice. The Council has a responsibility to offer as much support as possible to local residents and I am glad to see that many turned up to take advantage of this event."



Spotland and Falinge Councillors Peter Clegg and Barbara Todd alongside Community Centre Manager Sikander Musa.

LIB DEMS - Fighting For Our Town Centre



'Iraq inquiry must be public' - Rowen

Rochdale's MP Paul Rowen has demanded the Government do the right thing by making the inquiry into the Labour led Iraq War public. Paul Rowen said: "I was passionately against the decision to invade Iraq but the least the Government can do for the families of those who have lost loved ones is conduct the inquiry in public. The Labour Government must not be allowed to close the book on this war as it opened it. A secret inquiry will not deliver the answers that the British public demands but only serve to cover up the lethal mistakes made by Labour."



Tree for the CHOP

Our local Lib Dem Team would just like to remind residents that the top of Ings Lane will be closed to residents on 26th & 27th June due to the removal of a troublesome tree. Councillor Barbara Todd said: "I've had many local residents who are either elderly or with small children telling me how difficult they have found it to by-pass the overgrown tree. We therefore arranged for the tree to be cut down. If you are experiencing any similar trouble in your area then please do get in touch."

Lib Dems Secure New Play Areas



Focus is delighted to announce that because of the hard work of our Lib Dem Team, Ings Lane Playing Field will be receiving a brand new playground for 8-13 year old. Councillor Peter Clegg said: "I'm delighted that we have managed to secure £50,000 from Rochdale Township which will go towards a brand new play area for the children of our



community. The new play area will be similar to the new facilities in Denehurst Park which we successfully secured funding for a few months back." Councillor Barbara Todd said: "It's important we provide the children of our community with the facilities to play safely and get the regular exercise they need. This is superb news for our area."

No one is safe from Labour's SICK attack on children and the elderly!

A disabled ramp, a new dentist, extensions to schools and Doctor's surgeries and dozens of home improvements are just some of the plans that have been delayed by Labour as they attempt to throw our borough into turmoil. Labour Councillors have called in dozens of planning applications in an attempt to clog up the system. Councillor Peter Clegg said: "No one is safe from Labour's attack on Spotland and Falinge. This is party politics of the worst kind. Not only are they costing the taxpayer thousands, they are also putting resident's health at serious risk."

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