

Re: Tuesday Spoiler

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On Sat, 29 Apr 2006 11:40:15 +0100, badriya wrote:

They were determined to field candidates in as many seats as possible, even if they didn't expect to win, to gauge what support there was if people had the chance to vote Libdem. They asked if I would like to stand in a seat where I'd have no chance to get in, just to make up the numbers, but I thought I might actually get in by accident. I might not be in the UK all the time in a couple of years if the flat-buying in Spain goes well.

Some years ago, there was an election for one of the local wards, where all three candidates were paper candidates who had agreed to stand with no expectation of getting in!

My ex had agreed to stand as a Lib Dem, assuming that it was solidly true blue. It was only later on that he discovered that a Lib Dem had won it a few years earlier! The Conservatives had some heated local debates over who to pick and eventually picked an ambitious young chap, who wanted the experience of fighting an election; the main reason he was chosen was that, as an outsider, he didn't have enemies in the village, unlike the other possibilities. Labour were always outsiders locally but make a point of standing in all seats.

By the time of the election, the idea of being a councillor had grown on K, my ex, but the Conservative still didn't want the job. Unfortunately, it was the Conservative who won the seat by half a dozen votes. IIRC, he was thrown off the council some months later, not having attended any meetings.

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Cheers, Serena

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