



## Crossbench hereditary peers' by-election

This note confirms arrangements for the by-election following the retirement of Viscount Montgomery of Alamein.

### **Electors**

Viscount Montgomery of Alamein was elected under Standing Order 9(2)(i)(d), among the “28 peers elected by the Crossbench hereditary peers”. Therefore, under Standing Order 10(2), the electorate will be the excepted hereditary peers belonging to the Crossbench group, of whom there are currently 30 eligible to vote.<sup>1</sup> A list is below.

### **Candidates**

Those eligible to be candidates are hereditary peers on the register maintained by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

The deadline for registration of candidature was 5 pm on Monday 28 September 2015. 17 candidates registered to stand in this by-election; a list is below. Candidates were invited to submit a written statement of up to 75 words; those statements are also below.

### **Voting timetable**

Ballot papers will be posted to electors, provided that they have taken the oath of allegiance, by Electoral Reform Services on Wednesday 30 September 2015. Completed papers should be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments either by post or in person by **5 pm on Monday 19 October 2015**. Ballot papers received after this time will not be counted. Electors should use the pre-addressed envelopes sent with the ballot papers.

### **Voting system**

The Alternative Vote system will be used. Voters place the figure 1 in the box next to the name of the candidate they most strongly support, the figure 2 against the next most favoured candidate, and so on. Voters may cast as many or as few votes as they wish. In order to be elected, the first successful candidate must receive at least as many votes as all the other candidates put together. In the event of this not happening after first-preference votes have been allocated, the votes of the candidates receiving the lowest number of first-preference votes will be shared out according to the second preference marked on them. This will be repeated until one candidate has at least half of the total valid votes.

Ballot papers will be invalidated if:

- any number is used more than once, or
- in the opinion of the Returning Officer (the Clerk of the Parliaments) the ballot paper is illegible or ambiguous.

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<sup>1</sup> This figure comprises 27 hereditary peers elected by Crossbench hereditary peers who currently are in the Crossbench group; and three hereditary peers elected by the whole House who currently are in the Crossbench group.

## **Results**

The count will be conducted by Electoral Reform Services.

The result will be announced in the House of Lords chamber by the Clerk of the Parliaments at a convenient moment (likely to be after oral questions) on Tuesday 20 October 2015.

The full results, including the number of first-preference votes cast for each candidate and the position after each transfer of votes, will be available in the Printed Paper Office and the Library soon after the announcement by the Clerk of the Parliaments. The results will also be published online at [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk)

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David Beamish  
*Clerk of the Parliaments*

## List of electors

*Elected by a party or group and sitting as Crossbench peers.*

Aberdare, L.	Mountevans, L.
Baldwin of Bewdley, E.	Northbourne, L.
Bridges, L. <sup>2</sup>	Palmer, L.
Brookeborough, V.	Peel, E.
Clancarty, E.	Rosslyn, E.
Craigavon, V.	Russell of Liverpool, L.
Cromwell, L.	St John of Bletso, L.
Erroll, E.	Sandwich, E.
Freyberg, L.	Slim, V.
Greenway, L.	Somerset, D.
Hylton, L.	Stair, E.
Kinnoull, E.	Thurlow, L.
Listowel, E.	Walpole, L.
Lytton, E.	

*Elected by the whole House and sitting as Crossbench peers:*

Colville of Culross, V.  
Falkland, V.  
Mar, C.

## List of candidates

Albemarle, E.  
Aldington, L.  
Cadman, L.  
Clifford of Chudleigh, L.  
Cork and Orrery, E. (*L. Boyle*)  
Darling, L.  
Harlech, L.  
Hood, V.  
Lloyd-George of Dwyfor, E.  
Massereene and Ferrard, V. (*L. Oriel*)  
Monson, L.  
Napier and Ettrick, L.  
Oaksey, L.  
Rutland, D.  
Southampton, L.  
Sudeley, L.  
Vaux of Harrowden, L.

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<sup>2</sup> Lord Bridges has not yet taken the oath of allegiance in this Parliament and will receive a ballot paper only if he does so by 19 October 2015.

## **Candidature statements**

### **Albemarle, E.**

Two decades of experience in the creative industries, much of which was spent abroad. Currently living in Sussex, splitting time between land-management and design consulting. Was a Crossbench peer between 1986–1999. Willing to participate fully in the duties of the House. Able to dedicate time and effort required to fulfil the role. I would value bringing creative experience to committee work and possibly future debates.

### **Aldington, L.**

Europe and finance are my main interests. I attended INSEAD, and was Chairman of Deutsche Bank, London for 8 years; that has given me insights into the EU, particularly Germany.

I chaired the RA's Investment and New College Development Committee for 5 years; today I chair Ditchley's Finance Committee.

I have no political allegiance; a home in SWI permits good attendance.

### **Cadman, L.**

[No statement submitted.]

### **Clifford of Chudleigh, L.**

10 years' service in Coldstream Guards was terminated by an accident leaving me severely visually impaired (disabled); experiences valuable when Crossbench Peer 1989–1999.

Qualified at RAC Cirencester before managing 3,000-acre estate (retired July 2015). Remit covered agriculture, silviculture, leasing, upkeep of residential and business tenancies (aggregates, landfill, recycling); created 11-unit light industrial site.

Regular communication with planning departments.

Facilitated local sports, leisure clubs.

Vice-President, Devon Scouts.

President, SENSE Southwest, Teignmouth RNLI.

### **Cork and Orrery, E. (L. Boyle)**

I have strong interests in shipping, defence, dendrology, disaster relief, financial services and various charities. Of no political allegiance, I now have time to commit to the House and to the Crossbench.

I served 15 years in the Royal Navy, principally in submarines, following which I ran the global logistics and shipping operations of ED&F Man Sugar Ltd, which provided business experience of the EU, North Africa and the Levant, the Far East and Australasia.

### **Darling, L.**

I am not a member of any political party.

I have wide experience of business and the professions, as well as the charitable and voluntary sectors.

In recent years my work has involved debating, scrutinising, amending and agreeing policy papers and legal documents on planning, enterprise, housing, health and criminal justice—all subjects of proposed bills to be laid before Parliament.

It would be an honour to be elected a Crossbencher.

**Harlech, L.**

I am a farmer, forester, land manager, heavy plant and haulage contractor—forty years in rural reconstruction and development—3rd world, mostly current and ex-war zones. My family and I have served this country for some seven centuries in peace and war. My interest in this country's and world politics and to achieve prosperity and peace thru-out the world. I have the experience.

**Hood, V.**

Issues of social policy have more attention in the House of Lords. Recent examples include Lord Marks's Bill to provide rights to cohabitating couples, and Baroness Deech's Bill to limit financial claims in divorce. While my sympathies are more with the first than the second, they together demonstrate the privilege that it would be to serve on the Crossbench, providing the opportunity to influence policy and legislation in the arena of family breakdown.

**Lloyd-George of Dwyfor, E.**

Not politically "orientated", in party terms, I would welcome the opportunity and embrace the responsibility of being a member of the Crossbenches and would be a regular attender. I have worked for a number of years in the field of political risk insurance in the private market and am now retired from that business.

**Massereene and Ferrard, V. (L. Oriel)**

[No statement submitted.]

**Monson, L.**

A journalist and businessman, I developed a keen interest in public policy following the death in police custody of my son in Kenya. His violent end spurred me to campaign for justice both for him and for others ever since. I believe passionately in international development but we put too little emphasis on strengthening institutions, as my family's tragedy demonstrates. I wish to join your Lordships' House to help change that.

**Napier and Ettrick, L.**

After working for Lloyd's for 15 years, I established a landscaping business in Cambridgeshire in 1999. I train young people in horticultural skills. I also manage some woodland and wetland in the Scottish Borders. Born deaf, I have an understanding of disabilities, and have balanced political views. I don't belong to any party. I sincerely believe the House remains essential to the functioning of our democracy, for which I wish to serve.

**Oaksey, L.**

Barrister since 1985; QC since 2002. My practice includes cases involving negligence/misconduct by professionals, particularly re the law, financial services and auditing. I acted in the leading case on party funding. If elected I would try to contribute on these issues, among others: abuses in the financial services "industry"; redress for people let down by the fraud or incompetence of lawyers; abuses resulting from the liberalisation of the gambling laws; reform of Human Rights Act.

**Rutland, D.**

When my father died in 1999 I attended the House 11 times, during April to November, before being kicked out by Mr Blair.

I can contribute and speak on quite a few subjects, from forestry to tourism. I've been involved with the ATC for 41 years and know about defence.

I have been a member of UKIP for 7 years so my political views are really summed up that way.

Thank you very much.

Rutland

**Southampton, L.**

I am a farmer, run and work with my wife our organic farm where we brought up four children; interested in young people.

Have a large amount of practical and financial experience in agriculture and food industry; a member of the Soil Association.

Interested in environment, nature, habitat, green energy, solar, wind, RHI, housing, transport issue in the South West, low wages high house price problems and planning.

Sportsman, sportsfan, artist, interested in arts and film.

**Sudeley, L.**

[No statement submitted.]

**Vaux of Harrowden, L.**

Lifelong independent, I have never been a member of a political party.

I have 28 years of international business experience, having lived and worked in the UK, Europe and Vietnam. For the last 15 years I have worked in the technology sector, covering public sector, education and financial services.

My other interests are in renewable energy, farming and Scotland.

It would be a privilege to be elected and I intend to contribute fully.