



Crossbench hereditary peers' by-election

This notice confirms arrangements for the by-election following the retirement of Earl Baldwin of Bewdley.

Electors

Earl Baldwin of Bewdley was one of the hereditary peers elected by the Crossbench hereditary peers. Therefore, under Standing Order 10(2) the voters in this by-election will be the excepted hereditary peers belonging to the Crossbench group, of whom there are currently 31 eligible to vote. A list is annexed.

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 Tuesday 12 June 2018. Nineteen candidates registered to stand; a list is below. Candidates were invited to submit a written statement of up to 75 words; those statements are also below.

A hustings organised by the Convenor of the Crossbench Peers will be held in the morning of Tuesday 26 June 2018. The Convenor's office will contact candidates and electors with further details shortly.

Voting timetable

Ballot papers will be posted to electors by Electoral Reform Services on Friday 15 June 2018. Completed papers should be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments either by post or in person by **5 pm on Tuesday 3 July 2018**. 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.

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 Wednesday 4 July 2018.

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

15 June 2018

ED OLLARD
Clerk of the Parliaments

List of electors

Elected by a party or group and sitting as Crossbench peers:

Aberdare, L.	Northbourne, L.
Brookeborough, V.	Palmer, L.
Clancarty, E.	Peel, E.
Cork and Orrery, 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.	Trevethin and Oaksey, L.
Lytton, E.	Vaux of Harrowden, L.
Mountevans, L.	Waverley, V.

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.
Bridges, L.
Carnarvon, E.
Devon, E.
Effingham, E.
Eldon, E.
Glenconner, L.
Hamilton and Brandon, D.
Hankey, L.
Hood, V.
Meston, L.
Monson, L.
Mostyn, L.
Mountgarret, V. (*L. Mountgarret*)
Powerscourt, V. (*L. Powerscourt*)
Ravensdale, L.
Snowdon, E.
Wigram, L.

Candidature statements

Albemarle, E.

It would be interesting to analyse the make up of the Cross Bench Peers. To see the balance between the “right-brained” individuals who are meant to be more subjective, creative who rely on intuition and the percentage of “left-brained”, who are objective, analytical, and rely on reasoning. I personally can only offer the Cross Benches my right-side of the brain, with 30 years of experience in the commercial creative arts.

Aldington, L.

I followed family into banking, and have lived in UK, US, Hong Kong and Germany. Now chair both a Fintech Venture to ease the life of SMEs, and the Finance Committee at Ditchley, attending their international policy conferences, and continue to help the RA. My interests lie in policies in support of our future: young people, the regions and innovation, and in post-Brexit relations with our neighbours. I split my time between East Kent and London.

Bridges, L.

Retiring shortly from Farrer & Co Solicitors. Practice includes global regulation of financial services.

Solicitor to the Duchy of Lancaster 1998 – 2012; Personal Solicitor to The Queen since 2002. Both roles include scrutiny of proposed legislation.

Trustee of UCLH Charities 1992 – 2010; Chairman of Music in Country Churches 2006 – 2017; Deputy Chairman Leeds Castle Foundation.

Father and Grandfather sat as active Crossbenchers.

Interests: Singing (President of Noblemen and Gentlemen’s Catch Club); Sailing; Books.

Carnarvon, E.

My contribution to debates and committees in the H of L would be based on my wide experience of small business, farming, tourism and countryside/heritage matters in running and developing Highclere Estate. Also I have been an investor in and worked in small software and technology companies. We have an international outlook to the world at Highclere via our online presence and I also have an interest in Thoroughbred breeding, conservation and ancient landscapes.

Devon, E.

A chancery barrister and California attorney, I head the UK IP-litigation practice of a leading US law firm (cross-border intellectual property, technology, and banking disputes) and am Ethics Committee member.

My wife and I manage an 800-year-old family SME in Devon, incorporating heritage tourism, sustainable land management, and community wellbeing.

I am 42, an able advocate and determinedly independent. I would be honoured to champion Devon in this House. I am London-based weekly.

Effingham, E.

I am a former National President for the Royal British Legion and am a retired naval Commander so am well versed on their core activities, welfare, disabilities, event planning, charity race days, pensions, Gulf War illnesses, lottery effect on charity giving, poppy appeal, job recruitment, care home support and wheelchair services. Although I am confined to a wheelchair I am not past my sell by date and have been active in the past in general debates.

Eldon, E.

I believe the crossbenchers provide an important independent parliamentary voice in these uncertain times.

Experience: 25 years as a corporate psychologist and psychotherapist. I have senior management and advisory experience in the UK and internationally in many sectors, including: leadership and strategy consultancy; aid and international development; finance.

Interests: economic reform; corporate governance; aid and international development; Scotland; mental health; disability; agriculture and ecology.

I can commit the time needed to be an active contributor.

Glenconner, L.

I am twenty-four years of age. I have an MA (Hons), History from the University of Aberdeen and a GDL, from the University of Law, London. I take a great interest in politics and legislation. I will shortly be embarking on a career in the financial services. Being of an independent mind and spirit I believe I can contribute to the important work of the House.

Hamilton and Brandon, D.

I feel a strong sense of public duty and have an independent frame of mind. I believe in the value of our bi-cameral system and constitution. It would be an honour to serve as a member of the House of Lords. I bring my day to day experience of community work, engineering, farming and business. If elected, would be committed to making a positive and effective contribution to the work of the House.

Hankey, L.**Experience:-**

International architect planner and conservation specialist RIBA, FSA, FRAI

Founder / Chairman of multi-professional firm (GHK), architects, planners, engineers, economists and sociologists; guided by principles of inclusion, good governance, ethical and professional standards.

Upgrading and change in open and closed political systems –

Culture, arts, values

Laws, and regulations for design and planning capabilities

Environmental Sciences

Education, management

Enhancing administrative systems

Marketing UK Ltd.

Advocacy:-

Cross-cultural understanding, conciliation, partnership, common ethical and legal standards

Hood, V.

It would be a great privilege and excitement to be elected to the Cross bench. I hope that a long legal experience, particularly of the issues surrounding relationship breakdown and its effects on families and children would allow me to make a contribution in the House where social reform has more of a hearing than in another place. The same might apply to my experience of farming and rural issues.

Meston, L.

Practising barrister from 1973 (QC from 1996) until 1999 (mainly family law). Since then a Circuit Judge (now London based).

Active Member of Lords 1984-1999, latterly a Crossbencher.

Particularly involved in Bills concerning children, domestic abuse, divorce.

Committees included EU Sub-committee A, Medical Ethics select committee, Statutory Instruments, Consolidation Bills, Personal Bills.

Believe strongly in effective scrutiny of legislation and the value of Crossbench independence and objectivity.

Would commit fully to involvement in the Lords.

Monson, L.

For 40 years I have written features for newspapers while also advising listed companies on public relations.

I am now campaigning for greater awareness of the damage frequently wreaked by pervasive high potency cannabis.

My message and views have been broadcast on many television and radio stations as well as covered in the print media.

I seek a cross party consensus for an updated law in respect of this pressing social problem.

Mostyn, L.

Being only 33 years old, I can bring some youth to the House. I can also speak for the underrepresented northwest of England and Wales as I am located in north Wales. I have years of experience in local business as I run an estate that covers much of Wales.

I am also very involved with local charities, being patron of many organisations; and I have knowledge of key job sectors having previously worked in them.

Mountgarret, V. (L. Mountgarret)

My desire, amongst a list of extremely good candidates, remains as always strong and desirous of wishing to contribute to meaningful change in our political system today. Age and experience is a given, an element of “youth” and modern experience is as well a proven mix for the House.

Powerscourt, V. (L. Powerscourt)

Concerns:

Prevention and early intervention of mental ill-health and family breakdown.

The importance of a healthy start to life (e.g. parenting & education) for UK economic and social stability.

Experience:

BACP registered counsellor/psychotherapist in public sector, charity (Samaritans and MIND) and own private practice. National and international charity work with Mercy Ships (NGO) and Care for the Family. Qualified secondary school teacher and graphic designer.

Availability:

Flexible working hours allowing attendance. Politically independent.

Ravensdale, L.

A chartered engineer, I have 11 years of engineering consultancy experience as a technical lead and project director working on major UK defence and energy programmes; with particular expertise in nuclear energy. I could bring a wealth of technical expertise, and knowledge of the vital UK engineering industry to the House.

Other interests in monetary policy, banking and energy policy.

If successful I would contribute fully whilst maintaining my engineering career part-time.

Snowdon, E.

[No candidature statement submitted.]

Wigram, L.

1949 born New Zealand

1955 lived on farm near Chichester

1967-86 RMA Sandhurst, Grenadier Guards served London District, Sharjah, Belfast, Hong Kong, Berlin.

1982-6 Equerry to HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.

1986-2004 farmed 850 acres arable, sheep and diversified equestrian activities.

Steward, Henley Royal Regatta,

Member, Cordwainer & Waterman Companies.

HAC Pikeman

Order of St John.

Teaching in Cambodian charity school.

Previous political involvement. 1975, Hong Kong Island Returning Officer EE Referendum.