

15 September 2014

Hereditary Peers' By-election

This notice confirms the arrangements for the by-election following the death of Lord Methuen. It also provides the list of candidates for the by-election and candidature statements where these have been submitted.

Electors

Lord Methuen was elected under Standing Order 9(2)(ii), among the "15 peers, elected by the whole House, from among those ready to serve as Deputy Speakers or in any other office as the House may require". Therefore, under Standing Order 10(3), the electorate will be the whole House. In 1999 the Procedure Committee recommended that any peer elected at a by-election in this category should not be expected to serve as a Deputy Speaker.

All Members of the House who have taken the Oath, and who are not subject to statutory disqualification, suspended from the service of the House, or on Leave of Absence, are entitled to vote in this by-election.

The candidates

Those eligible to be candidates are the hereditary peers on the Register of hereditary peers wishing to stand for election as members of the House of Lords maintained by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

The deadline for registration of candidature was 3pm on Thursday 11 September.

15 candidates have registered to stand in this by-election. A list is given below.

Statements

Candidates have been invited to indicate their party or group affiliation, and to submit candidature statements of not more than 75 words. The statements submitted are attached.

Voting timetable

The deadline for requesting postal votes is 5pm on Thursday 2 October. A form for requesting a postal vote was included with the notice circulated on 30 July. Alternatively the notice of the 30 July is available in the Printed Paper Office or a signed written request may be sent to the Journal Office, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW.

Ballot papers will be posted by Electoral Reform Services to those electors who have requested them on Monday 6 October; ballot papers will be posted to the House of Lords unless a different address is notified. Completed postal ballot papers are required to be returned to the Clerk of the Parliaments either by post or in person by **5pm on Tuesday 21 October**. Electors returning postal ballots are requested to use the pre-addressed envelopes that will be sent out along with the ballot papers. **All other Members will be able to vote in person in Committee Room 3 from 10am to 8pm on Tuesday 21 October. Voters in person do not need to apply for ballot papers in advance.**



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 express as many or as few preferences as they wish. In order to be elected, the 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 candidate 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 number of votes (excluding any eliminated because all preferences have been exhausted).

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.

The 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 on Wednesday 22 October.

The full results, including the number of first preference votes cast for each candidate, will be available in the Printed Paper Office as soon as possible after the announcement by the Clerk of the Parliaments. The results will also be published online at www.parliament.uk.

DAVID BEAMISH
Clerk of the Parliaments



List of candidates

Biddulph, L.
(Conservative)

Cadman, L.
(Conservative)

Calverley, L.
(Crossbench)

Harlech, L.
(Conservative)

Kennet, L.
(Liberal Democrat)

Layton, L.
(Conservative)

Margdale, L.
(Conservative)

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

Middleton, L.
(Conservative)

Napier and Etrick, L.
(Crossbench)

Oxford and Asquith, E.
(Liberal Democrat)

Rowallan, L.
(Conservative)

Somerleyton, L.
(Crossbench)

Stockton, E.
(Conservative)

Sudeley, L.
(Conservative)



Candidature statements

Biddulph, L. (Conservative)

[No statement submitted.]

Cadman, L. (Conservative)

[No statement submitted.]

Calverley, L. (Crossbench)

Since last sitting, I have been greatly dismayed by the behaviour of a minority of newer members.

These individuals have usurped their new found status for their own cupidity, rather than upholding the values of our honourable institution. Their actions have brought ‘The House’ into disrepute in the eyes of the British Public and the world at large.

Should I be successful in this ballot, I would endeavour to help to rectify this shameful situation.

Harlech, L. (Conservative)

I am a farmer, forester, land manager, heavy haulage and plant contractor who also for over 40 years been a consultant in over-seas agricultural reconstruction. – Mostly in war zones from Vietnam to the Balkans, Africa and others: You do of course need to have a skill in political dialogue at every level: I and my family having served this country in peace and war for more than seven centuries and from field, dock, warehouse, office,...
[*The remainder of Lord Harlech’s statement has been omitted because it exceeded the 75 word limit*]

Kennet, L. (Liberal Democrat)

My politics started when I was seven years old, addressing envelopes in Paddington North. I later joined the SDP and the LibDems.

Between family, business and arts/cultural interests, I have stood in elections for the LibDems whenever and wherever appropriate, including peers’ by-elections since inheriting my title in 2009, and council elections.

If elected, I will give the best service I can as a working peer and a dutiful member of your lordships’ house.

Layton, L. (Conservative)

Professional politicians and civil servants in Westminster and Whitehall lacking “conventional” work experience, indifferent and incompetent managers exploiting a workforce of people who are fearful for their continued employment, with indifferent and incompetent, self-serving unions doing nothing for their members – the House of



Lords is the only place where someone like me, who has encountered and/or fought with all of the above, can be a voice for these people I have worked with and understand.

Margdale, L. (Conservative)

I manage various businesses between Wiltshire, Islay and London. They relate mostly to Agriculture and property. I am 56.

Rural affairs in UK, European and World contexts need more representation and understanding in Government.

I feel strongly that the United Kingdom will be poorer for any break up but the current debate may improve certain circumstances.

The Lords as a legislative chamber could well change but must not as a result of knee-jerk political reaction.

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

I have a lifelong interest in Politics with a strong tendency to Conservatism because I have felt the results of Socialism have been unsuccessful in practice.

I am in favour of the nation recovering political autonomy from the E.U. in which respect I support UKIP a party insufficiently represented in Parliament.

If elected I propose to be an active and working member of the Crossbenches.

Middleton, L. (Conservative)

If elected I should commit to regular participation.

I served in the Regular and Territorial Army.

I run an innovative and award winning agricultural and land management company with a particular interest in sustainable and efficient food production.

After chairing the Yorkshire region of the Country Land and Business Association I represented the organisation in Europe as its Vice President Europe helping to formulate views on CAP and Lobbying in Brussels and other Member States.

Napier and Ettrick, L. (Crossbench)

I have run my own landscape gardening business, near Cambridge, for 15 years. Being born deaf, I will bring a unique insight to the House. In most recent survey by 'Action on Hearing Loss', 79% of people reported it was employer's attitudes to deafness which created the major barrier to work, hindering career potential. My empathy with disabilities, for which I would campaign, could be invaluable to the work of the House.

Oxford and Asquith, E. (Liberal Democrat)

My first career was in the British foreign service, largely covering the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and, in due course, the ex-Soviet states, especially Ukraine. My main experience has therefore been in foreign and defence policy, foreign trade and commercial affairs, with strong connections in Russia, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Iran and China. Currently I run an environmental company specialising in soil remediation, decontamination and water conservation.



Rowallan, L. (Conservative)

Born 08.03.1947

Married with 4 children & 2 Stepchildren & 6 grandchildren

Estate Agent 1971- 1992

Farmer 1977 – 2013

Company Director of several Companies 1970 – 2013

House of Lords 1995 – 1999 introduced a Mental Health Bill to House.

Chairman Fenwick & Lochgoin Covenanters Trust 1977 –

Interests: Equestrianism, humanitarian projects, Mental Health issues

FEI International show jumping judge

Judge at London 2012 Olympics – Show jumping

Somerleyton, L. (Crossbench)

A liberal conservative who feels his contribution would be better channelled as a crossbencher free of party whips.

I am an entrepreneur of mixed successes in the food and beverage business; Hot Chip is my current project which I aspire to expand nationally.

I also devote time researching pioneering animal welfare projects, re-wilding projects, small scale food production businesses and forestry.

Outside of work I hold an interest in the Middle Eastern question.

Stockton, E. (Conservative)

B. 10.10.43 es Rt Hon. Maurice Macmillan MP, and Hon. Katherine, DBE. Journalist: Glasgow Herald, Daily Mail, Daily and Sunday Telegraph, BBC, CRTF ;

Publisher Macmillan Ltd.; Charities: St Mary-le-Strand, Book Trade, NPFA, RNIB, RLSBP, Archbishop Tenison's School;

director: CENTEC, Countryside Alliance, Publishers' Association;

candidate Bristol EC 1994; MEP SW 1999-2004; member South Bucks DC 2010; HOL 1986-99; 1984-2014 spoken in 414 constituencies;

interests: Foreign, Defence, Europe, handicapped youngsters, countryside.

Sudeley, L. (Conservative)

In 1900 4th Lord Sudeley was made bankrupt and lost his seat in the House of Lords because his creditors were allowed to enlarge their claims without their being independently and adequately audited. Sudeley recovered his seat and used it to provide us with guide lecturers for museums. I would like to introduce a Bill to prevent any further creditors from enlarging their claims in the same way.

