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IT TAKE TO  
CHANGE THE  
GOVERNMENT?**

- THEY CAN'T VOTE
- TOO MANY
- ONE

**YOUR VOTE CAN HELP BRING  
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BEFORE  
YOU  
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There are 2.5 million of us who can still vote in the UK.

There are 2.4 million elderly people needing support to cope with a physical or mental disability in the UK.

Labour want to cut Disability Living Allowance and Attendance Allowance for the over 65s, wrecking the chances of these 2.4m ever living independently, again.

Labour are releasing prisoners early, in a bid to relieve overcrowding. Since 2007, over 34,000 offenders have been let out... That is nearly twice the number of all British expatriates, worldwide who were registered to vote in 2008

Health Minister, Lord Darzi said, 'The days of the District General Hospital are over'. Dozens of A&E depts

and maternity units will be cut. Over 1,700 local surgeries could be closed under Labour's plans to impose super-sized 'polyclinics', potentially tripling distances to the nearest GP - that's nearly one closed clinic for every registered British household in Jávea.

If, worldwide, every one of the overseas voters from

2008 were to get at least three friends to register, as well as renewing their own voting rights, we could not only exceed Eric Pickle's challenge to find 60,000 voters, we would also help to swing some of the many very marginal seats. The pound is returning to its value the nearer we get to the election - a hung parliament would crush it - which none of us can afford!



To help start our fund raising drive for the 2010 Election, Jane Inglefield has kindly contributed a full 12 cup, Wedgwood, House of Commons, Coffee set (shown left).

Your new committee will soon be sending out information about how you could win this slice of history, made doubly poignant now Wedgwood is no more.

Following discussions with other branches who offer advertising space in their branch magazines we have opened CAVA4U to local businesses. We would like to thank the businesses who have taken space in this first issue. We hope this will help the newsletter to grow without using hard-earned funds. If you would like to advertise, here, please contact me on 966461913 or [manager@mabc.biz](mailto:manager@mabc.biz) Gaile

## From our 2008/9 Chairman, Mai Griffin

My term of office ends just as the political scene is becoming more exciting and challenging.

The past two years have been challenging in a different way - the recession didn't help - but we have weathered that storm and if we all pull together we could, in a few months, be seeing a change of Government.

As my 79th year approaches the time has come to leave the platform to a younger generation and I am confident that the new committee will be equal to the task ahead... they have all been hard working Party supporters for many years and we are incredibly lucky that they have come together here in Jávea at this moment, when their enthusiasm and experience will enhance our chances of victory in the coming UK General Election.

There is, of course, a limit to how much any committee can achieve alone. This branch has always been

blessed with loyal and helpful members who have been willing to lend extra hands at events, even though unable to serve officially, and I hope that their number increases. If you are likely to be able to help in any way, whether selling raffle tickets or arranging chairs, giving members lifts to meetings occasionally, or ringing around with information for people who have no computer or email - every little helps.

In the coming months, more than ever, your committee needs your support.

Of course, if you are a happy computer buff, you could help in another way... by helping to spread the message. Gaile (our webmaster) has created a blog on the CAVA site so, if you want some fun, visit

[www.javeaconservatives.org](http://www.javeaconservatives.org) Click the link to CAVA and have your say!

While you are on the branch website, have a look around. There are photos of past events, going back to 1995. You might find photos of yourself that you've never seen before!

Please check the site for current news, both local and from Central Office. Our Conservative Policy Forum is

also growing, so please speak to Gerald at the next event for more info or email [cpf@itude.org.uk](mailto:cpf@itude.org.uk).

My thanks to everyone, members and friends, who have encouraged and supported me during my Chairmanship. One of the rewards has been that I have come to know you all better, so I look forward to meeting you again at future events. Wishing us all a Happy and Successful Year.

Mai, January 2010  
If you have not yet come to an event, but would like to, please get in touch on 966197239 or via [right@itude.org.uk](mailto:right@itude.org.uk)



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**CONSERVATIVES DRAFT MANIFESTO 2010 FOREWORD by DAVID CAMERON**

**Mending our broken society**

The era of big government has run its course. Poverty and inequality have got worse, despite Labour's massive expansion of the state. The number of people living in severe poverty has risen by 900,000 in the past ten years.

Youth unemployment has increased, with nearly one million young people now out of work. The incomes of the bottom ten percent actually fell by £9 per week after housing costs between 2002 and 2008. Inequality is at a record high and social mobility has stalled – people are no more likely to escape the circumstances of their birth than they were fifty years ago. As the state has continued to expand under Labour, our society has become more, not less unfair.

We can't go on like this

If we are going to mend our broken society and make British poverty history, we need to address the causes of poverty and inequality, not just the symptoms. We need new answers to the social problems we face - and we believe that the truly effective answers will come from big society, not big government; from social responsibility, not state control.

So we will redistribute power and control from the central state to individuals, families and local communities. That way, we can create the opportunity for people to take responsibility.

Our approach is absolutely in line with the spirit of the age – the post-bureaucratic age.

Our reforms will rebuild the once-natural bonds that existed between people – of duty and responsibility – which are currently being replaced with the synthetic bonds of the state: regulation and bureaucracy. But the success of our plan to mend Britain's broken society depends less on the actions that a Conservative government will take to give people more power and more on society's response.

We understand that after a decade of government treating people like children - either telling them what to do or doing things for them - we will need to shake things up. So a Conservative government needs to go further than enabling people to take responsibility: it must actively help make it happen. We must use the state to help stimulate social action. We must use the state to help remake society, because the big society, not big government, is the way to make Britain safer and fairer, a country where opportunity is more equal. We are impatient to get on with this work. We are determined to make a difference. We are all in this together, and we know that if we all pull together then this country can have great hope for the future.



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The next time you hear a politician use the word 'billion' in a casual manner, think about whether you want them spending YOUR tax money?

A billion is a difficult number to comprehend, but one advertising agency did a good job of putting that figure into perspective in one of its releases.

- a. A billion seconds ago it was 1959.
- b. A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive.
- c. A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the Stone Age.
- d. A billion days ago no-one walked on the earth on two feet...

... but a billion Pounds ago was only 13 hours and 12 minutes, at the rate this government is spending it.

Where are they finding this money?

**Number crunching**

In 1997 a British Passport cost £18, it now costs between £77.50 & £129.50

In 1997, airport tax was £10 for a £120 flight. Trips over 2000 miles are now £45 and from next year will be £60.

UK Price - Unleaded Petrol per litre = 1995: 53.5p, 1997: 61.7p, 1999: 70.2p, 2000: 84.2p UK Petrol Prices for Tuesday 26th Jan 2010 Avg. 112.2p

Value of UK basic state pension in relation to national average earnings 1909 18% 1979 26% (highest % ever) 2008 16%

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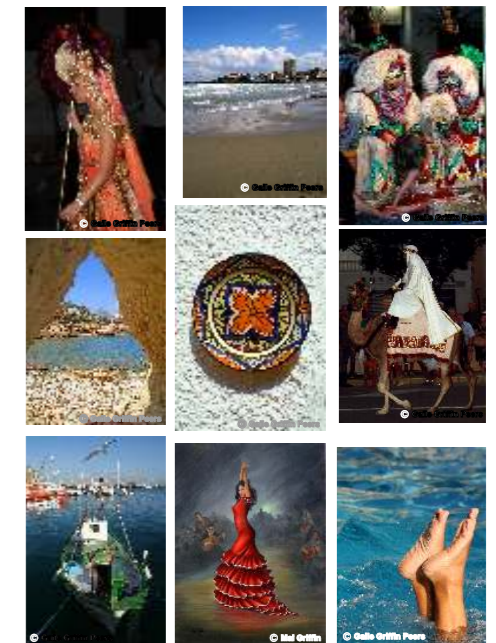
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