

South Cambridgeshire Conservative Association

Comberton and District Branch

Political discussion

7:30pm

Thursday 19th April

at 18 Green End, Comberton, CB23 7DY

You are invited to take part in a *Political Discussion* to be held at the home of **Mr and Mrs Robert Cook at the address above.**

This is the third such discussion; previous events have been lively and well-attended. On this occasion the theme will be 'Austerity and Growth'.

Austerity

The UK's credit rating has been put on negative watch on the grounds that austerity may not be enough, given the turmoil in the Euro area. Are we doing enough to reduce our public expenditure? Are public servants being unfairly penalised, or are they getting off lightly? Are the capital projects such as the new high speed rail justified?

Growth

We are told often enough that the best way out of our current poor economic situation is to restore growth. That's not really controversial, but how? Does our salvation lie in a return to manufacturing or should we do more to develop our exports in the service sector? Is it right to demonise the financial industry and the EU? Are we wise in restricting immigration when we need to recruit the best people for our companies and to earn part of our living from offering education to foreigners? Should we be spending more on infrastructure, such as roads and nuclear power?

The discussion

The format of this discussion will be as a moderated open forum with me as the chairman taking comments from the participants. The meeting should last about two hours.

There will be light refreshments courtesy of our hostess. A voluntary donation of £5 is suggested to cover her costs.

The objective of the discussion is to exchange information and opinions and, if interesting conclusions are reached, we will make them known to our local Conservative Office and to our MP.

If you would like to attend, please let Jean Bacon know by e-mail – jeanbacon851@btinternet.com or by phone – 01223 264711.

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