

News from South West Co-operative Party – Somerset Branch

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MEETING NOTICE

Invitation to next meeting of Somerset Branch of Co-operative Party

This will take place on **Tuesday 8th May at 19:00**, at the usual venue Albemarle Centre, Albemarle Road, Taunton. (Map overleaf on page 2)

Agenda

- 1: Apologies.
- 2: Minutes of last meeting held on 18th October 2011 (available at meeting) and AGM 20th March 2012 (approve minutes for accuracy only)
- 3: Matters arising.
- 4: Correspondence
- 5: Treasurers Report
- 6: Party Council report
- 7: **2012 I.Y.C: campaigning etc and what will We/you? Do with our extra day**
- 8: Membership matters
- 9: Any other Business
- 10: **Calendar for 2012 meetings.**(thoughts on venue and time /day meetings held)

Note:

Officers would again like to respectfully ask you to support us and please make every effort to attend, any **apologies please** to Chair (Details bottom of page 2) or to Secretary Ian Grady, 2 lower meadow road, Minehead ta24 6an
Tel: 01643 704112

Or e-mail

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2012 UNITED NATIONS
**INTERNATIONAL YEAR
OF CO-OPERATIVES**
We build a better world

366 days to change the World

April 2012



What Will you Do?

Branch needs your campaign Ideas Please !!

This was the theme of the this years South West Co-operative Party successful and popular annual weekend school held as usual at Brunel manor Torquay on January 21st/22nd January 2012 The designation of 2012 as International Year of the Co-operatives by United Nations gives us the Co-operative Movement a once in a lifetime opportunity to demonstrate to country a different way to run your business and services the co-operative way.

This was held at the start of this momentous year, on what is going on locally, nationally and internationally in- our party, Businesses and throughout our varied movement to spread the word and inspire people to become involved. And gives us all an opportunity to pledge what we can do to inspire, inform politically, socially and economically in this “OUR” year.

During discussion of item 11 at AGM it was decided to have next meeting discussing member’s thoughts and ideas for campaigning on this important year (possible stalls at coming fairs /events etc)

Calendar for 2012: also secretary wondered if in effort to get more members involved

it was time to look at maybe change of meeting venue one with maybe better parking/hire costs etc) and also change of Day/time i.e.: maybe have winter meetings on say Saturday morning etc Please: The Officers would really like your input especially from our councillors, regulars meeting attendee’s and new members, so Do come along or drop an e-mail phone call etc

The Co-operative Party stands for:

Enterprise

A sustainable economy and society

Empowerment

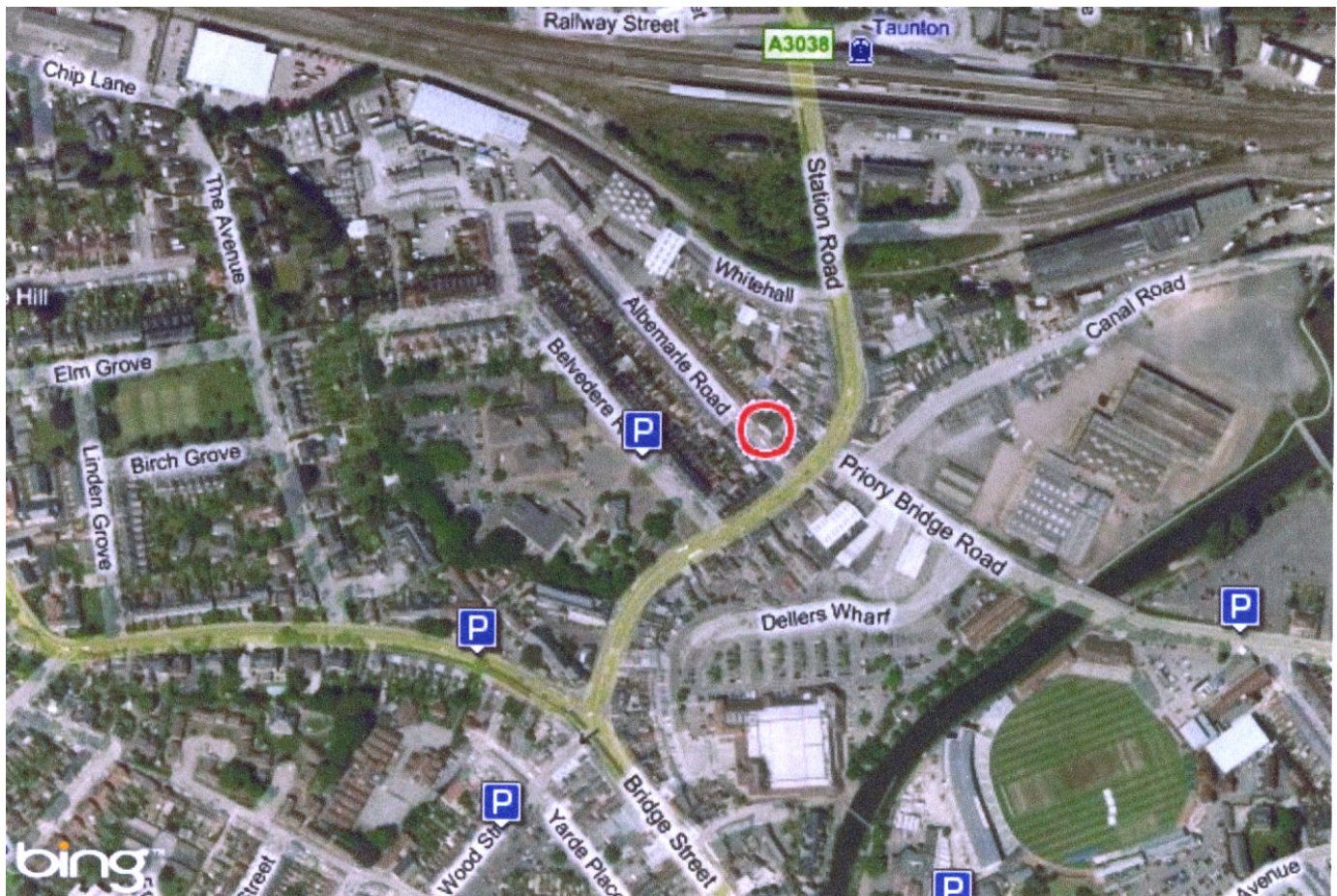
a culture of citizenship

Accountability

socially responsible business

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May Local Elections help needed at Exeter !!

We are now in the final weeks of the 2012 Local Election Campaign. And this is a special plea to our members across the region, to give some of your time to go and help in your nearest set of elections.

We are fighting high profile and politically important elections in 6 key local authorities in the South West; Exeter, Gloucester, Plymouth, Stroud, Swindon and Weymouth. Anything you can do to help may make all the difference. Telephone canvassing, door knocking, leaflet delivery, whichever you feel most able to do. Your support could make ALL the difference between a Labour or Tory controlled council. Can you car share? Do some phoning from home? **Can you help Contact: Exeter Labour Party** on Telephone: 01392 275004 or E-mail at exeter.labour@btconnect.com website address: <http://www.exeter-labour.org.uk>

Attention Members

Note: no parking at venue.

Nearest and Free parking (after 6pm) is at the Council Offices (see map) Access is via Belvedere Road, and parking is at rear of offices and swimming pool

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