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Eastleigh by-election: 22 February - this time a different party is in trouble

I've written plenty about the travails of Conservative candidate Maria Hutchings in recent Eastleigh by-election round-ups. So let's start this time with the travails of another party.



Labour fears fourth place behind Ukip in Eastleigh by-election

Labour fears it will limp in fourth in next week's Eastleigh by-election, dealing a blow to Ed Miliband's efforts to project it as the "o...



Labour fears collapse in Eastleigh vote | WINCHESTER NEWS ONLINE

The Labour party is still way ahead in WINOL's poll of students at King Alfred's campus, but in the constituency itself things may not b...



Not of course that this means things are going well for the Tories:



Eastleigh Tory candidate Maria Hutchings: 'I am not being hidden'

The Conservative candidate in the Eastleigh byelection has denied she dodged a national radio hustings because party minders regard her a...



And in a sign of desperation:



Eastleigh byelection: Tories urged to tell voters Chris Huhne is a liar

The work and pensions secretary, Iain Duncan Smith, has urged his party's candidate at the Eastleigh byelection to constantly remind vote...



Meanwhile, the one local issue the Tories are trying to get stuck into continues to be a planning controversy:



Inside Housing: "Had they refused the scheme..other greenfield sites would then be up for grabs." ow.ly/hWVtOsteastleighorboorley



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And oh no, what's this...?

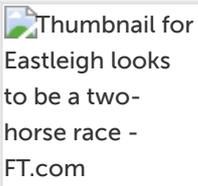


Eric Pickles in Eastleigh: Lib Dems are holding Tories back

All the evidence is pointing to a Lib Dem win in Eastleigh, but those Tories visiting are continuing to fight to the bitter end. Eric Pic...

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Overall then:



Eastleigh looks to be a two-horse race - FT.com

British MPs were given the week off for half-term, all part of Westminster's supposedly family-friendly regime. Families be blowed. They ...

FT



Eastleigh by-election battle hots up

Have a free biscuit. Help put leaflets into envelopes. Stuff the Tories. That's what's on offer at the Liberal Democrats campaign headqua...

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And to finish with some lighter news:



Oops: UKIP in Eastleigh have a little issue with a traffic warden

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