

by Mark Pack 5 years ago

Eastleigh by-election: 24 February, featuring biscuits, balloons and cake

The day started with a new poll:



++ Another new Eastleigh poll - and this time it shows the Tories in front by 4% | Stephen Tall


Last night brought news of a Populus poll for The Times showing the Lib Dems ahead of the Tories by 33%-28%, a Lib Dem lead of 5%. But to...

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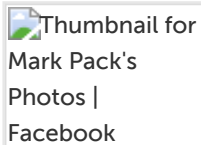
However that poll really is almost as tight as they can come:

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Raw data from latest Survation Eastleigh poll: 95 ppl say Tory, 93 ppl say Lib Dem

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And one thing is clear from that poll:



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So I was offer to Eastleigh again today, complete with another biscuit bar chart:



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This time I got promoted to balloon monitor, and with the aid of Chris Butler was able to show Eastleigh how to look stylish with balloons:



In other photo news, I'm not sure the Tory press officer is so impressed with candidate Maria Hutchings:



No wonder then that...



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The senior Conservative played down the chances of a victory, even though the Prime Minister and his Cabinet have ploughed huge efforts i...

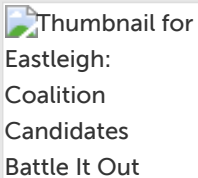
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Once again the Liberal Democrats were well ahead in the poster stakes where I was (with a few Tory and UKIP posters and not a Labour one to be seen). One thing caught my eye about the latest Liberal Democrat ones. In a departure from tradition, the local posters are sporting a national slogan. That is a sensible piece of integration which is something campaigns in other parties here and abroad have often done.



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To finish, a couple of the more recent and better media profiles of the fight, including a revelation about the favourite cake with Liberal Democrat helpers.



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