

Dear Elector,

This is an unusual election for all of us in Totton, the Waterside and New Forest East. Ours is a new seat and it will be sending a new MP to Westminster. You have a right to know where your candidates stand on the key issues of the day.

EUROPE is the most important. If we get this wrong, every other aspect of our lives will be affected.

The Liberal Democrats are fanatically in favour of stripping power from Westminster and transferring it to Brussels. If this happens, the present system of democratic sovereign states, which has given us peace for half a century, will be fatally undermined.

In this respect, the Liberals are even more dangerous than the Labour Party – which they hope to put into power.



Julian with Margaret Thatcher during her premiership.



Julian when a serving seaman in the Royal Naval Reserve.

DEFENCE must remain under British and NATO control. Yet, already Brussels intends to take over our nuclear deterrent.

This will not bother Paddy Ashdown and Tony Blair. They both supported one-sided nuclear disarmament at the height of our confrontation with the Russians.

At that time, Mr Ashdown boasted: *"I agree with the Liberal Party, which is the only British political party that has always opposed a British nuclear deterrent."* Yet, in 1992, he had the cheek to claim: *"I never took the view that this country did not need an independent deterrent."*

In September 1990, a month *after* Saddam Hussein had invaded Kuwait, the Liberal Democrats voted to cut the Defence Budget in half by the end of the decade. Only the Conservatives can be trusted with Britain's security.

THE ECONOMY will face disaster if we sign up to a common currency. Britain's ill-fated membership of the European Exchange Rate Mechanism – which *all three* parties supported – should have taught us this.

A common currency will create a common economy run from the Continent. *The people who control it will soon begin to control us.*

Our gold reserves will be removed from the Bank of England and handed over to a central bank in Germany, never to return.



Julian with Phil Clabburn and veterans on sea trials of wartime air-sea rescue launch HSL 102, restored at Fawley.