

BEEB STAR JOKES ABOUT BID . . BUT WHO WILL BE NEW LEADER?



Eunice Chadwick, 75, of Auckley.
Picture: Marie Caley D2617MC



David Phillipson, 41, of Thorne.
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Darren Wilding, 33, of Thorne.
Picture: Marie Caley D2616MC



Kerry Osbourne, 27, of Edlington.
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Warning over hot fireworks

POLICE are warning about the potential dangers of some fireworks stolen from Stainforth.

The stolen fireworks are intended for use in organised displays and could cause serious injury if they are used in inappropriate settings.

They were stolen in the early hours of Sunday. Some have been recovered and a 27-year-old man has been arrested. Sgt Richard Barnes said: "We have made one arrest, however there are fireworks outstanding. These fireworks are intended for use at organised events. They are too specialised for local garden bonfires."

Have you heard . . . radio's Toby says he'll run for mayor

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FUNNYMAN Toby Foster set the ball rolling when he joked on his early morning BBC radio show that he fancied running for mayor of Doncaster.

The star of TV show Phoenix Nights, who runs his own comedy club and hosts the Breakfast Show on Radio Sheffield, is a regular commentator on political events in Doncaster.

And as the main political parties begin the process of choosing their candidates to contest next spring's mayoral election we took to the streets to ask people who they would like to see in the hot seat - with some surprising suggestions.

The job doesn't seem like a barrel of laughs - but the thought of having a comedian in the Mansion House brought a smile to the faces of some shoppers this week.

Stephen Fry, the late Spike Milligan - which would present obvious difficulties - and "motor-mouth" Jeremy Clarkson were the names being bandied about.

Hartlepool may have elected a football mascot - who developed into a politician - but Donny Dog did not even get a paw on the ballot paper.

Darren Wilding, 33, from



POPULAR: Comedian Toby has joked that he will run for Mayor of Doncaster.

Thorne, said: "I would like to see Stephen Fry be the next mayor! Or even Spike Milligan. I'd go to every meeting, it'd be great."

David Phillipson, 41, also of Thorne said: "I would love Jeremy Clarkson because he wants to get rid of all the speed cameras!

"And he's got his feet on the ground and he's a down to earth

Yorkshire man."

Kevin Keegan's recent departure from Newcastle United could make him available to lead his home-town political team at the Mansion House.

And the former England footballer would be a popular selection.

The Armthorpe lad was the choice of Eunice Chadwick, 75, from Auckley: "He has been around a bit and seen a lot of places and I think he seems to be a people man, not so much for himself."

Clare Millband, 28, of Thorne, said: "Kevin Keegan because he's a Doncaster man and could do with the job!"

And Leyton Dodds, 40, of Woodlands, said: "As a Newcastle fan I would have to say Kevin Keegan because he's a Doncaster lad and he knows what he's talking about. He cares about the people of Doncaster."

Last word to Kerry Osbourne, 27, from Edlington, who said: "We just want someone who has got people's best interests at heart."

■ *Who do you think would make a good mayor for the town? Let us know by commentating on this story at www.doncasterfreepress.co.uk or contact us at the addresses on Page 14.*

Tories make their choice for poll

DONCASTER'S Conservative Party is the first group to announce its candidate for elected mayor ready for next year's election.

The party chose Coun Jonathan Wood after a members-only ballot on Tuesday night. He beat fellow party member Carol Greenhalgh to the nomination after impressing voters at The Dome.

Mr Wood, 41, from High Melton, was elected to Doncaster Council in May and has since become vice-chair of the council's Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

The Mexborough-born councillor has a degree in accounting and finance and until 2006 worked for the Foreign Office as vice consul for economy, development and investment at the British Consulate-General in Chicago.

He currently serves as a councillor full-time for Sprotbrough ward.

Mr Wood said it was "a great honour and a tremendous opportunity" to receive the nomination.

He said: "I plan to give the election my best shot." Conservative group leader Coun Patricia Schofield said she was delighted with Mr Wood's nomination.

She said: "He is a real asset to the Conservative group and has a strong loyalty to Doncaster."

Chairman of the Doncaster North Federation of the Conservative party, Coun Allan Jones, added he thought Mr Wood was the best candidate for the job. "I have no qualms about his ability to do the job at all," he said.



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