The Fulham Liberals have gained a new supporter. But he won't be voting in the coming General Election. He is Mark Rendel, baby son of the prospective Liberal candidate, David Rendel. Since he will only be a little more than a month old on election day it will be another 18 years before he can vote for his dad.

Meanwhile, instead of the traditional politician's "walkabout," David Rendel is expecting to take his son with him on "wheelabouts" around the streets of Fulham.

A JAIL WARNING FOR PUNK FANS

'We can't have public put in fear' — court

A Fulham teenager was among 33 youngsters who appeared at Horseferry Road Court following a demonstration by 2,000 punk rock fans in Chelsea's Kings Road on Saturday.

And magistrate Mr. Kenneth Harington told him: "No matter what you chaps think, you are not the only people in the world."

Later, as punk fans packed the public gallery, the magistrate warned another accused: "If this sort of thing occurs again, I shall have to consider imprisonment because we really can't have the public put in fear by people who simply think of themselves and nobody else."

The Fulham teenager, Lance Jowers, 18, a labourer, of Ranelagh Gardens, admitted causing highway obstruction in Kings Road and was said to have been in a group of about 250 punk fans who were blocking the footway, causing passers - by to walk round them.

The court was told that the fans were demonstrating against the closure of Beaufort Market, a complex of punk shops in Kings Road, the last two of which were closing down on Saturday, when police stopped a planned protest concert by top punk band, The Clash.

Jowers, who had nothing to say to the court, was fined £8.

A Fulham telephonist arrested during the demonstration was fined £10, magistrate Mr. Kenneth Harington telling her she had been a nuisance.

Jennifer Jordan, 18, a punk fan herself, of Clem Attlee Estate, admitted obstructing Police Constable Ian Morrison.

Police said an officer had arrested another woman for throwing a missile, and there was a struggle between the two.

The accused was arrested after trying to pull the other woman away from the officer.

REVISED TRAFFIC PLAN FOR SANDS END AREA

Two barriers installed at the junctions of Elswick Street and Stephendale Road with Bagleys Lane, are there as an experiment to deter through traffic using this largely residential area of south Fulham as a short cut, says the town hall.

An earlier experimental scheme involving two other road closures was removed just over a year ago following objections by residents. The new one is closer to a scheme preferred by local residents during consultation but which was not acceptable to the emergency authorities.

The barriers have gaps wide enough to allow cyclists through and pedestrians will not be affected. The Fire Brigade and other emergency services will be able to open the barriers if they need to get through.

The town hall says that the revised scheme will be reviewed by the council after about six months and any decisions will be based on the views received. A leaflet explaining it has been distributed in the area and people are invited to make their comments to the Council.

'MY PLEDGE TO FULHAM' BY LABOUR CANDIDATE

Barrie Stead, prospective Parliamentary candidate for Fulham, has announced that he will give up his job if elected in order to tackle the problems faced by Fulham people in housing, social services and unemployment.

Mr. Stead, a solicitor and former leader of the borough council, said in his adoption speech: "Before the issues become clouded I want to make a simple promise to the electors of Fulham.

"I intend, as their MP, to devote myself to caring for the people of Fulham — particularly to those in greatest need, unlike many other MP's who are lawyers.

"There are large numbers of Fulham residents who have housing problems, too many with difficulties on supplementary benefit and tax, and too many for whom there is no work.

"Michael Stewart has looked after Fulham residents diligently for more than 34 years, and I intend to take just as much care and trouble for them in the future.

"Housing will be one of the main issues at the election. House prices have soared in the area, so that there is little hope of local people buying.

It is, therefore, essential there should be more and better housing for letting by the local authorities, housing co - operatives and housing associations. Contrast this need with the Tories' policy.

They are determined to sell off the better housing — whether it is Bayonne Road or St. Paul's School site. They do not care that it is the new and better homes that are desperately needed by those seeking a transfer, or are on the waiting list.

A Labour Government will stop such sales. It has also pledged itself to provide security of tenure for local authority tenants so they cannot be evicted except for good reason.

Labour is also committed to making transfer easier for council tenants wanting to live nearer their work, or relatives.

Proposals have been put forward to allow council tenants to obtain improvement grants like private owners, so they can do up their homes like anyone else.

Also, tenants are to be allowed to take in lodgers if they wish. I will ask them to vote for me and the Labour Government that will provide this new deal for tenants and provide more and better homes for them and their families.

Michael Stewart, the Labour politician who has represented Fulham in the House of Commons for 34 years, compared the Labour Goverment's record with that of the Tory Government in recent years.

In his speech at Mr. Stead's adoption meeting he said: "Remember the situation in 1974. The whole world's economy was upset by a huge rise in the price of oil.

"The reckless printing of paper money by a Tory Government was destroying the value of money. In our trade with the rest of the world we were £3,000 million in the red.

"Today we pay our way in the world. Our share of world trade is increasing. The rise in prices, though still serious, is being brought under control.

The real value of wages has risen by about one - sixth. The real value of pensions has increased by one - fifth. There are new benefits for children, for families with only one parent, for the disabled.

The number of new homes built has gone up by 30,000 a year. Classes in the schools are smaller, more children attend nursery schools. Do not let the difficulties of the last few months — difficulties which are now being resolved — blind us to the solid achievements of these years.

How has it been done? By having an honest policy about money; by encouragement to industry — and, not without much strain and stress, getting working people in their trade unions to accept wage settlements which are within what the country can afford. We have made progress because we have become a more united country, recognising that everyone must do his share of the work and no one must expect more than his share of the wealth.

"By contrast, the Tories offer us a policy which at every point divides the nation. By abolishing the Land Commission and the Price Commission they will make life easier for profiteers, while telling wage - earners that they must exercise restraint."

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