

Prime Minister

DRINKS FOR BACKBENCHERS IN YOUR ROOM AT THE HOUSE AT 7.30 p.m. ON
MONDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER 1981

1. I have asked the following:-
John Ward (Poole)
Den Dover (Chorley)
Tristan Garel Jones (Watford)
Chris Patten (Bath)
Stephen Dorrell (Loughborough)
2. The first two are sound as a bell; you know about the others.
3. I put in the Box earlier this week a copy of a letter which Stephen Dorrell had sent to the Chief Whip. Michael Jopling has since seen Dorrell. Despite the words in Dorrell's letter to which I draw your attention, Dorrell has given an assurance to Michael, and in the plainest terms, that he will not be joining the S.D.P. Michael agreed that we should ask Stephen Dorrell for a drink.
4. The last drinks party in your room at the House was much appreciated by those whom you invited. I think it best that we should have a mix of opinion within the Party on these occasions, rather than separate parties for the Wets.



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