#### THE**HOUSE** What do you miss about Parliament?

I miss the camaraderie of colleagues across the House and I certainly miss the tea room chatter. I equally miss the detailed involvement with the constituency affairs and events.

## THE**HOUSE** What don't you miss about Parliament?

I don't miss the crazy hours we worked in the 1980s with the House and many of the committees regularly sitting throughout the night. This regime often left me with just time for a shower and breakfast before getting back to the office for the next day's business.

#### THE**HOUSE** Do you keep in touch with politicians?

The answer is a clear 'Yes', especially former Members as I was a member of the working party with Joe Ashton, Ted Graham, Peter Emery and Sally Grocott, setting up the Association of Former Members. I remain actively involved as Vice-Chairman and as a member of the Order Order editorial board.

### THE**HOUSE** Did you try/would you like to come back as an MP?

I did try in 2001 and failed and then decided not to try again.

### THE**HOUSE** Do you still follow politics closely?

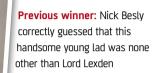
Again a positive 'Yes', but I do so wearing my independent cross party hat which got me into plenty of trouble during my days at Westminster. I still try to encourage women to enter the House by continuing my involvement as Joint Chairman of the Westminster Dining Club which I helped to found with the late Dame Angela Rumbold some 29 years ago with this objective in mind.

# Guess who?

Can you guess who the future MP is? Try and win a bottle of champagne, email your answer to **editorial@housemag.co.uk** 



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