

he tended to slur his words. It was generally known he was often drunk and not fully sober. He was always courteous and formal and often at the end of formal meetings he would sit and chat to us all in a friendly and open way about politics and the government. He gave the Trade Union Council respect. He talked a lot, but very rarely did much to assist us in our endeavours and fulfilment of our aims and objectives.

6. I became aware of his sexual preferences. It was common knowledge that, if you had children, make sure that he was not around them. He was known for liking little boys. This was gossip around Chester at this time. It was generally known that Peter Morrison's mother was the companion of Ted Heath, the former Prime Minister, and that this was one of the reasons that Peter Morrison's career advanced.
7. There was a specific incident I can recall. There was a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Labour Party at its HQ in Chester around the time that the Conservative Party decided to change candidate from Peter Morrison to Gyles Brandreth. I think this would have been between 1988 and 1990. This was when Peter Morrison indicated he would not be standing at the next General Election. I attended the meeting at the Labour Party HQ
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17. but I can only recall two to three people who were present, namely Christine Russell, David Robertson (now deceased) and Gwyn Cooper, the Secretary. At that meeting, Christine Russell stated that Peter Morrison was not standing at the next general election. The reason she gave was that Peter Morrison had been caught by Cheshire Police in a toilet in Crewe railway station. After we were told this information, Christine Russell stated that an agreement had been reached with the Conservative Association that Peter Morrison would stand down and the police would not take the matter any further. I know the local newspapers were aware of this arrangement. I had a friend at the Chester Observer who confirmed that they knew of the story; her name was Cynthia Body (now deceased). I did not at the time question where Christine Russell obtained this information from.
18. I do not know who at the Conservative Association or Labour Party met with to reach this agreement, but I am aware that it may well have been Christine Russell, who at the time was the election agent. What I can say is that, after I heard this information, no actual steps were taken by me. I may, of course, be wrong in my assumption that Christine Russell was in some way involved in the agreement or any linked talks.
19. Simon Hoggart, then a well-known journalist at The Guardian, was writing a story in his column and mentioned Peter Morrison. It was a nasty piece. As a consequence, I then wrote to Simon Hoggart, sending him an email indicating that it would be "not for publication". Nevertheless, he published it in full, in quote marks, and this appeared in The Guardian on 16 November 2012 and was extracted in a letter sent to me by the Inquiry team. I did nothing about this breach of protocol by Simon Hoggart.
20. In answer to the specific query of "deal", this would have been before our meeting at the Labour Party Headquarters, as it reported to us as such.