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Happy New Year to all our members.

I'm sure 2018 will be another crazy year in politics and a busy one for the Labour Party.

London has another bout of Local elections in 2018 and support will be required before and during elections, so if you have any time spare please contact your local Labour Party Group.

In my area Epsom and Ewell MP Chris Grayling's days as a Government minister are rapidly coming to an end, according to the latest press reports.

Yet another re-shuffle by the Conservatives and May's "For the chop" list adds another Chris Grayling whose reign as transport secretary has been equally as disastrous as when he was Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, also Leader of the House of Commons.

Britain's justice record went into reverse when cutbacks to legal aid, the police, court and prison systems were all pushed through.

If as forecast Grayling is sent to the back benches in a January reshuffle, it would be a serious blow to him as he put forward Theresa May to be Prime Minister.

Information



He sang her praise based on his then 25-year friendship with May forged at meetings of the Wimbledon Conservative Party. However, May lost the Conservative Party's Commons majority and is unlikely to ever be forgiven by the party faithful.

If another forecast proves true, then at least there would be some relief in the country and for the NHS: health minister Jeremy Hunt is tipped to take over the cabinet office role of former minister Damien Green.

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Doctors are attacking Jeremy Hunt as he FINALLY admits 'winter crisis' in the NHS



Jeremy Corbyn

In 2017 we provided an alternative to the Tories' failed system — and in the General Election, millions joined our cause.

But with a weak and divided Tory Government still failing the many, in 2018 our mission is to give our people the support and security they need so that we can deliver real change



Labour is "staking out the centre ground in British politics", Jeremy Corbyn has said in a **New Year** message.

Mr Corbyn said the prospect of a "new Britain" was "closer than ever" and he was leading a "government in waiting".

The left wing veteran promised to use 2018 to help people "fulfil their hopes" in a future where "we all share the wealth we create".

Labour defied predictions of a landslide defeat in the 2017 general election to secure a hung parliament.

The result saw Prime Minister Theresa May lose her Commons majority, but the Conservatives remain the largest party.

The Labour leader also used the message to attack a "failed system" of governance and "stagnant economy" of wealth disparity run by a "self-serving elite".

The 2017 general election showed "the establishment's secret is out: they're not as strong as they appear" and have "no idea how to fix their broken system," Mr Corbyn said.

"The old political consensus is finished," he added.

'Weak and divided'

He insisted Labour now occupied the new centre ground in British politics.

"We are staking out the new centre ground in British politics, backing the things which most people want but are blocked by vested interests.

"We are a government in waiting, while the Conservatives are weak and divided and stuck in an outdated rut with no new ideas," he said.

Mr Corbyn said Labour's mission was to "give people support and security and use their talents, unleash their creativity and fulfil their hopes".

"The hope of a new Britain, run in the interests of the many, not the few, is closer than ever before.

"Together we can, and we will, deliver it."