

Data

22 September

START OF LIBERAL DEMOCRAT PARTY CONFERENCE IN BRIGHTON

ONLY **18%** OF BRIGHTON'S ELECTORATE VOTED LIBERAL DEMOCRAT

9 keynote speeches will be made at the conference with a total set time of 265 minutes

20

policy motions will be heard at conference covering issues such as science and research, jobs, and Lords reform

3 October

FIRST TV DEBATE OF THE 2012 US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

The first presidential debate of the 2008 elections attracted

52.4

million viewers

More than 97 million people tuned in to watch the final showdown between President George Bush, Bill Clinton and Ross Perot in 1992, the most watched presidential debate to date

27 September

MONTHLY ENERGY STATISTICS

In 2011 the cost of the average gas bill was

£719
this is **£61** from up **2010**

The south has the highest proportion of gas customers paying by direct debit at

66%

The average cost of diesel in the UK is **140.7** pence per litre, the most expensive in Europe

7 October

START OF CONSERVATIVE PARTY CONFERENCE IN BIRMINGHAM

The Conference will be held in the Birmingham ICC with a capacity of

8,000

This is the

3rd

time the Conservative Party conference will be held in Birmingham

ACCORDING TO BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL, THE ECONOMIC AND MEDIA IMPACT OF THE 2008 CONSERVATIVE CONFERENCE WAS VALUED AT £28M

30 September

START OF LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE IN MANCHESTER

Over **500**

fringe events will be taking place

THE COST OF A CONFERENCE PASS FOR PARTY MEMBERS RANGES FROM £38 TO £119

IN 2011, THE LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE WEBSITE HAD OVER 135,000 UNIQUE VIEWS WHILE THEIR SMARTPHONE APP HAD OVER 35,000 VIEWS

17 October

LABOUR MARKET STATISTICS

The north-east currently has the highest rate of unemployment at 10.4%

The south-west has the lowest at 5.8%

More than

90%

of UK employment is in manufacturing and services

The number of employed non-UK nationals in March to May 2012 was

2.55 million
up 49,000 from last year