

# From the Polls to the Palace



**Thursday, 7 am:** 47,000 polling stations open in 651 constituencies



**10 pm:** Polling stations close, first television exit polls broadcast



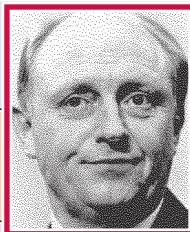
**11 pm:** First poll result expected. The race to declare was won in 1983 and 1987 by Torbay, Devon



**Midnight:** First 20 results will be declared at the rate of two or three seats per minute



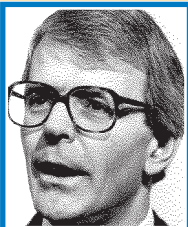
**Friday, 00.10 am:** Liberal Democrat Paddy Ashdown will be the first party leader to hear his result, from Yeovil, Somerset



**1.30 am:** Labour leader Neil Kinnock's result expected from Islwyn, South Wales



**2.00 am:** About 500 results in, it becomes clear whether one or other party has won an overall majority

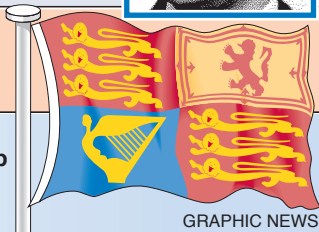


**2.30 am:** Prime Minister John Major will be the last of the major party leaders to know his result, from Huntingdon



**2 pm:** All results from remote rural areas will be in. Last poll figures expected from Richmond, Yorkshire

**Friday afternoon:** If one party wins an overall majority, the leader will make the trip to Buckingham Palace where the Queen will invite him to form a government



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