



The nights are drawing out and after a record-breaking cold winter spring is at last here.

We are making some small but significant progress with gaining candidates in the District Council and Town/Parish elections. You can still stand for election if you contact Karen Ramscar at the council offices in Norden, Blandford. However papers have to be completed and approved by the 4th April. We are pleased to report that we now have four valiant candidates to represent you in the North Dorset wards. They are:

Bob Pilkington – Bulbarrow. Mike Hansford – Marnhull, at both District and Parish level.

Geoffrey Lambert – Riversdale. Alan Kewley – Stour Valley. We wish them well in their brave campaigns.

If you are wondering why your Chairman is not listed above, he will be standing in Longham, Ferndown which is in his home parliamentary constituency of Christchurch.

The candidates may need some support on election night. If you can help out at the count as a Count Agent contact your local candidate directly, or alternatively your chairman on 897884 or by email john@ukipdorsetnorth.org.uk now and we will pass on your request to the appropriate candidate. We like to have several at the count as it shows to other parties and candidates that we are a serious party. It is also an interesting thing to do at least once in your life!



Well done to UKIP's **Jane Collins** – She was one of 9 candidates in Barnsley by-election and is the Regional Organiser for Yorkshire and Humber, and Political Agent for Godfrey Bloom MEP. As you doubtless know she managed to come an amazing 2nd, as both the Tory and Lib Dem vote crashed. Did you notice how Dimbleby and his panellists managed to avoid mentioning UKIP on the following Thursday's Question Time when discussing the result even though they name checked the BNP? The Biased Broadcasting Corporation do it again! The result in terms of votes:

Labour 14724 - **UKIP 2953** - Conservative 1999 - BNP 1463 - Independent 1266 - Lib Dem 1012 - Eng Dem 544
Official Monster Raving Looney Party 198 - Independent 60.

In the same week UKIP held its national **Spring Conference** in nearby Scarborough and Nigel Farage actually got on the mid evening news! Amazing!! A well attended conference got to hear many new speakers. Additionally the SW's William Dartmouth spoke on AV, Lord Monckton spoke on Defence policy, and Nigel was again on top form. Don't miss his speech on UKIP TV – see the link below. Many others are on UKIP TV – all essential viewing.



The **Bournemouth Echo** continues its political agenda by reporting that South Dorset MP Richard Drax was significant in obtaining Michael Turner and Jason McGoldrick's release from the Hungarian gaol, after their seizure by police implementing an European Arrest Warrant. The truth is that UKIP's MEP Lord Dartmouth raised the issue in the EUP, visited Budapest and also visited the prison in his successful campaign to get both young men initially released on bail. The obvious fact is that Richard Drax only became an MP in May 2010, but the duo had been released in February 2010! UKIP has complained to the Echo but still the deceit goes on. As a footnote, happily no further action is expected to be taken against the releasees after 500 potential witnesses were interviewed and no case against them could be made.

Lord Heseltine, former Tory minister, has always been a strong Europhile, and his predictable and dull performance on a recent Question Time emphasises that stance. One of the reasons maybe that the multimillionaire, reputed to be now worth £200m, has to date received £900,000 in farm subsidies for his 1,255 acres of farmland from the EU.

As the movement for a **referendum** on whether we should in or out of the EU gains ground and publicity a worrying development has occurred which no doubt is designed to see the EU prevail. Currently, despite the EU's antics in Ireland, non national parties from overseas are not meant to be able to campaign and influence the outcome of such referendums. However under a report overhauling the rules governing europarties, backed by the chamber's Constitutional Affairs committee, this prohibition is to be lifted in cases where domestic referendums have "a direct link" with EU subjects. The document reads: "If European political parties are to play a political role at EU level, they should have the right to participate in such campaigns as long as the subject of the referendum has a direct link with issues concerning the European Union." In other words if an In/Out referendum were to be held the EU would be able to

pump in vast resources [i.e. our money] into the 'In' campaign. As usual, the EU fanatics can change the rules to suit themselves to silence opposition. This is especially worrying as the only avenue for future reform would then be violence, a concept which is alien to UKIP thinking.

On a practical note **Royal Mail** postage is to rise on the 4th April. New rates: 1st-class stamps jump a massive 5p to 46p and 2nd-class 4p to 36p. Stock up on your stamps now to minimise your postage costs and save a whopping 11.25%. That knocks a Cash Isa into a cocked hat!



March saw the Con-Dem **Budget** which was something of a damp squib. A minimal reduction in fuel duty and a reduction in Corporation Tax. Big business wins again at the cost of the individual or small businessman.

Cameron/Clegg's coalition of quislings continues its work of dismantling this country. Almost unnoticed with all the convenient coverage of North African problems, mostly of the EU's making, the Westminster puppets almost unanimously voted for the **destruction of the £**. The offending legislation is this: Section 6 of the European Union (amendment) act 2008:

That this House takes note of draft European Council decision EUCO 33/10 (to amend Article 136 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union with regard to a stability mechanism for Member States whose currency is the euro) and, in accordance with section 6 of the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008, approves Her Majesty's Government's intention to support the adoption of draft European Council decision EUCO 33/10.

The House voted: Ayes 310, Noes 29. Whether or not they realised this, in effect most of the Tory MPs voted in favour of the UK being forced to join the euro - not immediately, but eventually. True Conservatives? Robert Walter is an Aye.

In an extremely rare act, the Wiltshire town **Wootton Bassett** was granted Royal patronage in March 2011 by Queen



Elizabeth II in recognition of its role in 21st century military funeral repatriations, which sadly pass only too frequently through the town. Hence forth it will be known as Royal Wootton Bassett. This honour is the first in over 100 years to have been granted. The bodies of servicemen and women of the British Armed Forces killed fighting abroad, having been repatriated to RAF Lyneham, usually pass through the town as part of a funeral cortège, on their way to John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, in readiness for the coroner. However in September 2011 such military processions will become a thing of the past as the RAF station is scheduled to close in 2012 as part on the ConDem's EU cuts to the British military. Repatriation is expected to move to RAF Brize Norton.

Links of the Month:

- ❖ Nigel Farage and the debt crisis - <http://alturl.com/rcjbb>
- ❖ Jane Collins and Nigel at conference – don't miss this: <http://www.ukip.tv/?p=1541>
- ❖ Belgian MEP Derk Jan Eppink on Gadaffi in Strasbourg: <http://alturl.com/9gkpw>
- ❖ World Statesman Farage on Russia Today discusses Libya: <http://alturl.com/yqacu>
- ❖ 'Dr' Farage addresses students in Bruges University: <http://alturl.com/qm6nt>

Petition Time:

If you have not already done so please sign the 'Pledge' to help force MPs to support a referendum on the EU:

<http://www.peoplespledge.org/>

Repeal the Climate Change Act: <http://www.gopetition.com/petition/43914.html>



This month Jeremy Nieboer is having a well-earned break, but we are delighted to reproduce an article by our local MEP **William Dartmouth** that espouses the positives of AV, the non-FPTP voting option we have been given in the forthcoming referendum.

A referendum will be held on 5 May on whether to keep the first-past-the-post system for electing MPs or to switch to the alternative vote (AV). The BBC is asking a variety of people to give their view.

*The UK Independence Party firmly supports the alternative vote. **First-past-the-post** has become a broken system. It no longer reflects properly what the voters want.*

At the 1955 general election - the high water mark of the "two party system" - nine out of ten MPs elected won more than 50% of the vote in their constituency. At last year's general election, only one in three MPs were elected with 50% or more of the vote.

The 2005 general election gave Labour a majority of 66 seats under the current system. But a closer inspection of the result reveals some disturbing truths. In England, Labour got 60,000 votes fewer than the Conservatives but won 92 more parliamentary seats. Overall, Labour won decisively but received only a little more than a third of all votes cast.

Put another way, Tony Blair and his government were returned massively to power though only one in five of those entitled to vote actually voted for them. How can that be right?

AV would go some way to redressing the imbalances and unfairness that is the inevitable consequence of first-past-the-post. Last May, UKIP polled 919,546 votes and did not even come close to winning a seat in Westminster. Compare that to the Democratic Unionist Party in Northern Ireland, which polled just 168,216 votes and were rewarded with eight seats.

More importantly, under AV, there is no barrier to the electors voting their conscience on the first ballot. AV will mean that people will no longer have to vote tactically on the first ballot. They can vote for the candidate they prefer and their vote will still count.

The electors can then give their next preference to the party or candidate they next prefer. AV sweeps away the blight on British democracy of people having to vote for a second choice candidate in order to stop another party or candidate winning.

Further, a key element of AV is that by definition the winning candidate will have received at least 50% of the vote in the round in which they are elected.

That is why UKIP backs AV as the way forward. And who knows? It could be the first step towards proportional representation.

One final point. Many people who oppose AV do so on the belief that it will lead to coalition government. The last time I looked, the UK had a coalition government and that was as a result of first-past-the-post.

What the media is saying:

- In the **Mail**, David Cameron reportedly has launched an extraordinary attack on his own civil servants for loading costs on to business, as he set out the 'moral' case for enterprise. The Prime Minister expressed intense frustration with the failure of officials to understand that firms buckling under the weight of Labour's red tape 'frankly cannot take it any more'. 'If I have to pull these people into my office in No 10 to argue this out myself and get them off the backs of business, then, believe me, I'll do it,' he said. - [It must be election time!— Ed]
- Finnish daily **Kaleva** reports that drivers in Finland and Germany are refusing to buy a new generation fuel with 10% ethanol content called E10 – the introduction of which is required under EU rules on biofuels – due to concerns that it could damage vehicles' engines.
- In an interview with **Berlingske Tidende**, Danish Finance Minister Claus Hjort Frederiksen argued: "I've made clear to the European Commission that the Danish Presidency [due to commence in January 2012] will work loyally to make progress in the [EU] budget battle with the objective of abolishing the rebates. If it doesn't work, then we will ask for our own rebate." Hjort Frederiksen described the British rebate as a "bad habit".
- The **Sun** quotes a 'Government source' saying that David Cameron and Lib Dem leader Nick Clegg have decided to kick plans for a British Bill of Rights "into the long grass" because "both parties know they won't agree" on the role of the European Court of Human Rights.
- According to the **Guardian** the government is preparing to reverse a key coalition pledge to bring in an environmental tax on air travel after finding that European Union laws would prevent it. Additionally an airlines spokesman said: "... the UK airline industry is already the most heavily taxed in the world and any further tax burden will be counter-productive to the country's economic recovery."

And finally, don't forget to put up your UKIP posters now if you live where we have a candidate.

Our AGM is expected to be on the morning of Saturday the 21st May 2011 – more on this next month.

Do you need or can you provide transport to get to a meeting? Please contact John Baxter a.s.a.p. so he can liaise.

Especially needed for the First-Thursday meetings.

FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY 2nd APRIL 2011 – 2.30 to 5pm - PUBLIC RALLY for 'LEAVING THE E.U. :

Organised by the Campaign for an Independent Britain. Venue: Friends Meeting House, 173 Euston Road, Euston, London NW1 2BJ (across the road from the rail and coach stations) - **ADMISSION FREE.**
Speakers: PATRICK O'FLYNN - Chief Political Commentator, Daily Express Speaking up for Britain, **The Daily Express "Get Britain out of the EU" crusade**; IAN MILNE - Director of Global Britain, founder editor of Eurofacts and The European Journal, author of "A Cost Too Far," **Our global and commonwealth future**; MARK RECKLESS MP - Member of the Better-Off-Out Parliamentary Group, **An Independent Britain**; DELE OGUN - London-based lawyer and CIB National Committee member, **Parallel lines – Africa and the USA.**
Chairman: GEORGE WEST of the CIB. General enquiries 0116 2874 622; Press enquiries 07737 271676.



THURSDAY 7th APRIL 2011 - 7.30pm onwards – FIRST-THURSDAY MEETINGS:

Dorset Branch Library and minishop available. At the Charlton Inn, Bournemouth Road, Charlton Marshall, DT11 9NH. Our regular informal evening of food, drink and chat. Do one or all three! All are welcome – members, their guests, prospective members or the just curious! Joint event with other local branches. Last 1st Thursday before the election. A good opportunity for candidates to compare notes and for you to meet them.



THURSDAY 28th APRIL 2011 – 7pm - SOUTH DORSET UKIP OPEN MEETING:

A special meeting to cover various important subjects such as Global Warming. The speakers list is being revised and full details will be on the UKIPSW/South Dorset website soon, or contact the Organiser: Mike Hobson 01929 439099. Venue: the Mowlem Centre, Shore Road, Swanage, Dorset BH19 1DD.



THURSDAY 5th MAY 2011 – Election day – NATIONWIDE: NO FIRST THURSDAY

If you live in a ward where there is a UKIP candidate make sure you, your friends and family vote for UKIP!

THURSDAY 12th MAY 2011 - 7.30pm onwards – FIRST-THURSDAY MEETINGS:

Dorset Branch Library and minishop available. At the Charlton Inn, Bournemouth Road, Charlton Marshall, DT11 9NH. Our regular informal evening of food, drink and chat. Do one or all three! All are welcome – members, their guests, prospective members and new councillors! Mull over our successes! [AGM 21/05/11]



TUESDAY 24th MAY 2011 – 7pm – MEET LORD CHRISTOPHER MONCKTON:

Ferndown Sub-branch is holding an evening with our Party's Director of policy and global warming myth buster! A free event which includes a free drink and nibbles. Venue is the Barrington Centre, Penny's Hill, BH22 9TH Ferndown, [park at Tesco, the centre is opposite the pedestrian entrance of Tesco]. Further details if required from Pam McAlester - 01202 420134.



SUNDAY 5th JUNE 2011 – 2pm – 5 pm – SW regional debate on the issue of Pan-European Political Parties.

Organised by the SWCC the Venue is Tiverton Best Western, Blundells Road, Tiverton, Devon EX16 4DB.

WELLS BRANCH

Wells Constituency Association meets regularly on the evening of the **last Monday of every month** in the downstairs room at the back of The Kings Head, 36 High Street, **Wells**, Somerset, BA5 2SG.



Contact Wyn Thomas at gbthomas@ukonline.co.uk

SALISBURY BRANCH



On the **4th Thursday of the month** [excluding August & December], at 12.30 UKIP **Salisbury** branch have a lunchtime social at the Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, SP5 2AR. Ring Margaret Strange on 01980 623907 for details. The Green Dragon may originally

in part be the Blue Dragon in Charles Dickens's 'Martin Chuzzlewit.' www.ukipsalisbury.org or email jharvey1917@btinternet.com

EAST DEVON BRANCH



Come and have lunch in **East Devon** on the **first Tuesday of every month** at the White Hart Inn, Church Street, Woodbury, Devon, EX5 1HN.

Telephone John Kelly on 01395 276130.

Perhaps even get to meet the legendary John Kelly!

EXETER BRANCH

Pub evening 1st Tuesday of the month.
Ralph Gay 01392 679187

CHELTENHAM Coffee Morning

2nd Saturday of the month
Alan Stone 01242 515439

CHIPPENHAM & N WILTS Pub night

1st Wednesday of the month
Lysley Arms, Pewsham SN15 3RU 7pm

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Other UKIP Websites: www.ukipdorset.org www.ukip.org Original branch website: www.ukipdorsetnorth.org.uk

The outstanding Bournemouth West Website: <http://www.westbournemouthukip.com/main.htm>

Historic Blog Site [not current]: <http://ukipnorthdorset.blogspot.com/> live: <http://englandexpects.blogspot.com/>

William Dartmouth MEP's Website: <http://www.williamdartmouth.com>

Trevor Coleman MEP's Website: <http://www.ukipsw.org/index.php/meps/trevor-colman>

NEW INFORMATION: Between 16 & 35? South West Young Independence:

Website <http://www.youngindependence.org> Email: daryl.stanbury@live.co.uk

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The **European group** of which UKIP is a member <http://www.efdgroupp.eu/>

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If you are not a Dorset North UKIP member and no longer want to receive a copy of our monthly newsletter do please let us know. We as a branch also need to make efficiencies! However if you would like to continue to be on the mailing list that is fine. Email preferred but not essential.

If you would like to suggest something different in your newsletter drop the editor a line.