



Having been away on holiday in January the editor has come back to so many newsworthy items that he has absolutely no idea where to start! The amount that will have to remain unreported will be gigantic, and that which will be featured on a couple of side of A4 seems nothing short of inadequate and miniscule! We must do what we can. With space being such an issue, we will no longer feature the **th-eu-nit**. No need to miss out, the link to these important pages can be found in the 'Helpful Contact Information' section after the diary on the back page.



We offer our congratulations to **Nick Wellstead** [left], former Chairman of Poole UKIP, who has been elected unopposed as a Ferndown Town Councillor for the Stapehill Ward. This brings our tally of councillors on that council to 3, as he joins Peter Lucas and John Baxter.

Bournemouth West is holding its AGM on the 10th March at the Durley Dean Hotel. A chance to ask questions of your committee and enjoy some refreshments. If coming please ring so we know numbers for catering.

Christchurch is, after their AGM on the 17th March, hosting a free Cheese & Wine evening with Guest Speaker Lord **Alexander Hesketh**, ex Formula 1 and ex-Tory Chief Whip in the House of Lords. See the diary to book.

Dorset North's AGM is on the 28th April at the Pimperne Village Hall. Susie will be providing the delicious refreshments [so make it a coffee morning?] + David's excellent raffle and John's UKIP merchandise.



Michael Turner [far left], from Corfe Castle and Lytchett Minster, and Jason McGoldrick from Plymouth have returned to Hungary to face the next stage of their trial. UKIP MEP William Dartmouth, who previously helped to get them out of custody in 2010, will accompany them and attend the court procedures. They are facing renewed charges of fraud after a time share business collapsed in Hungary in 2005. They originally were seized in 2009 and held in awful conditions by the use of the controversial European Arrest Warrant, a procedure enthusiastically pushed through in the EUP by SW Lib Dem MEP 'Sir' Graham Watson. We wish them well and hope they will be free men very soon.

It is **National FairFuel Day** on the 7th March. With petrol and diesel prices expected to hit £7.50 a gallon in just a few weeks there has never been a better time to protest. FairFuelUK led by Peter Carroll, is arranging a rally at Westminster to make the people's feeling known. Why don't you give them your support? See the diary for details.

Scotland under the europhile Alex Salmond is threatening to hold a 3-way vote on withdrawing **Scotland** from the UK. Clearly the First Minister is relishing this way of getting in the good books of the powers-that-be in Brussels. Implementation of the most extreme regionalisation policy will earn him many brownie points, he no doubt thinks. It follows that it is his aim that England should be annihilated as a country; indeed the EU recognises it to be just 9 UK regions as a result of the Lisbon treaty. Whether N. Ireland and Wales would be equally short-sighted enough to approve of Scotland's secession, or even to go down the same route remains to be seen. If Scotland holds a referendum, then surely the rest of the Union should also hold one, as they all will be affected as much by the outcome. No doubt this will be yet another opportunity for Cameron to say it is not the right time!

Get your **passports** ready. You may need them if you go to Scotland if they gain their independence from the Union. Europe Minister David Lidington has said that an independent Scotland may have to introduce passport controls on its borders, as it would not necessarily inherit the UK's opt-out from the Schengen Agreement. Perhaps we will have to resite Hadrian's Wall a few miles further north!

We have read much about the dumbing down of our schools, of sex **education** from the age of 5, and even German plans for sexual contact between young children and their parents. Now we learn that methods of suicide and euthanasia are a part of the curriculum at Poole High School – and no doubt other secondary schools around the country. This comes somehow under the subject of the Medical Ethics unit on the national curriculum OCR Religious Studies syllabus. With suicide numbers rising, particularly in children under strains of examinations, university places and lack of jobs and money, this seems insensitive, crass and wholly misguided.

Surprise! PM Cameron is still not convincingly **euroceptic**! Dr Michael Leigh featured in the New Year's honours. He is 'lately Director General, Enlargement, European Commission, Brussels'. He is appointed Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George for services to the enlargement of the European Union. He joins republican Graham Watson in being knighted to help kick one's own country into oblivion.

The troubled USA under Obama is also still throwing up surprises. An email in our inbox revealed the fate of three disgraced top executives in the **Fanny Mae** debacle. Franklin Raines [payoff: £240m], Tim Howard [£20m] & Jim Johnson [£28M]. Where are they now? Raines works for the Obama Campaign as his Chief Economic Advisor. Howard is a Chief Economic Advisor to Obama under Franklin Raines. Johnson was hired as a Senior Obama Finance Advisor

and was selected to run Obama's Vice Presidential Search Committee. Nice to know that powerful country and ally is in such capable and financially astute hands.

Unreported in the British media of any sort is an item featured in a Pro-EU Italian paper Corriere della Sera. On page 5 the article, citing German media sources who it says are "horrified", reveals that the German and French governments have been twisting the arm of the Greeks to force them to spend €7bn in 2012 to buy warplanes, tanks, submarines and other **war material** from French and German companies, which the Greeks say they neither want nor need. This is 3% of their GDP, a level of arms expenditure surpassed only by the USA. €7bn is half of what they will need on March 20th to redeem their T-bonds. The punch-line is that the Germans and the French have been telling the Greeks that any financial assistance with their debt problem is conditional upon their making these purchases. This is a searing indictment of the way the EU is being mismanaged and hijacked by the Franco-Germanic alliance. This is the sort of thing the EU was purportedly set up to avoid. But what method of censure can be levied at them?

A village, Villamayor de Santiago in Spain, has hit the headlines for accepting **Pesetas** in their shops for a limited period, and at 2002 exchange rates. Many people have stocks of these from when the country joined the Euro. However rather than keeping them in circulation the traders plan to pay them into the bank in exchange for Euros! Short term gain rather than a long term strategy to bypass the Euro - a lost opportunity.



Labour are making sure their policies are well aired and that they are fit for government. Failed PM Brown is reputed to have made over £1m since leaving office; a Labour councillor wants to bomb Conservative conferences; the thug Prescott wants to be an elected Police Commissioner; and Ken Livingstone wants to hang a banker a week. Nice and clear, thank you very much. How could we let them run this country at any level and at anytime?

At a recent meeting of EU finance ministers, Chancellor George Osborne and his Swedish and Dutch counterparts voted against the discharge of the 2010 **EU budget**, after the European Court of Auditors found material errors in EU spending for the seventeenth consecutive year. However, it is perhaps not surprising that the accounts were approved by a qualified majority of EU finance ministers. What is a few missing billions between friends?

Eneco, the Dutch energy distribution company, has been holding its consultation meetings around the area on the subject of its plans for the vast **Navitus Wind Turbine Park** to be sited off the coasts of the Isle of Wight and Dorset. The consultations would seem to be very one way in that they are informing us of their plans but these will not be swayed one iota by anything the public will be saying. Perhaps the route of the cabling from Chewton Bunny near Christchurch to the proposed substation at West Moors where the power will be fed into the national grid could be varied a little, but nothing of any real consequence. The inefficient turbines, hazardous to birds and shipping large and small, subsidised to twice the level of land turbines, will still be built in this beautiful part of the coast, and blight the horizon. An opposition group NavitusChallenge exists and we have the link to their website in 'this month's links'.

Roger Helmer, the reasonably eurosceptic Tory MEP, recommends James Delingpole's new book "**Watermelons**" (environmental activists and eco-freaks are green on the outside, red on the inside, like watermelons) as essential reading for all those concerned about climate issues, whether wind farms or subsidies or the economic damage caused by Chris Huhne or the power shortages we'll see in a few years if we go on with these lunatic green polices.



We are sorry to learn of Comedian **Frank** 'It's the way I tell'em' **Carson**'s death aged 85. Belfast born Frank was a UKIP member for many years; entertaining those of us at the Southport conference in 2009. In his words: "The council in Blackpool has given the homeless bus passes. How do they know where to get off?" Sadly Frank has now left the bus.

Political Correctness continues undiminished in our Orwellian country. The mother of a seven-year-old boy from Hull was astounded to be told by his primary school to sign a form admitting he was racist. His heinous Crime? Merely to have asked a five-year-old boy in the playground whether he was 'brown because he was from Africa'. The reason for the teacher's action is that under the 2000 Race Relations Act, teachers are obliged to report any incident that is perceived to be racist by the victim or anyone else as 'hate speech' - even if it is committed by a child. Madness. There are numerous other examples of this criminalisation of children – this is no one-off.

This month's links of interest:

- **Nigel on the Greek Troika and the future:** <http://alturl.com/wx5sz> & **the madness of the EU:** <http://alturl.com/dsy3c>
- **The power of Debt:** <http://alturl.com/ehzdf> **Germany's experience re Solar Panels:** <http://alturl.com/446ni>
- **How democracy works in non-EU Switzerland:** <http://alturl.com/jtitt> **Nigel at Torquay:** www.ukipsw.org
- **View the proposed turbines from the Dorset coast:** <http://www.challengenavitus.org.uk/windfarm-animations.html>

This month's petition:

The removal of onerous debt: <http://www.1millionsignatures.eu/?a=form>

What the media is saying:

- *HellasFrappe* report that Germany's Hotchief which operates Greece's international airport in Athens owes the Greek government over €500m in VAT, a debt which has built up over a period of 10 years, and they have no intention paying.
- *The Express* reports **EUROCRATS are spending £6million of taxpayers' money to stop cows from belching and breaking**

wind. Scientists from across Europe will fly into Scotland as part of a Brussels-funded project to reduce greenhouse gas methane from the animals. The European Commission's "ruminomics" project hopes to find out why some animals produce more methane than others. [From the 'You could not make it up department?' Ed.]

- Belgian daily *De Tijd* has obtained information that, at the upcoming EU summit on 1-2 March, European Council President Herman Van Rompuy is to be "almost silently" re-appointed for another two-and-a-half year mandate.
- **Bloomberg reports that Russia is hosting a two-day meeting of non-EU countries opposing European Commission plans to include all airlines flying in and out of European airports in the EU's Emissions Trading System.**
- Gay rights activists are campaigning to have the words 'husband' and 'wife' erased from the statute book as part of a bill to legalise same-sex marriage. Pressure group Stonewall have released a draft bill, intended as a 'model' for the Marriage Bill due later this year, calling for spouses to be known as 'parties to a marriage' to avoid confusion for homosexual couples. This reported by Steve Doughty on the *Mail online* blog. 18 Feb 2012.
- **EurActiv reveals that the Ambassador to Iceland Thorir Ibsen is offering his country's expertise to help reform the EU's Common Fisheries Policy. Iceland manages a massive fishing industry very sustainably.**
- *EUobserver* reports that China has banned its airlines from taking part in the EU's Emissions Trading Scheme, which forces all airlines flying in and out of European airports to buy pollution permits from 1 January this year.



Jeremy Nieboer on the likelihood of a General Election

We must not allow ourselves to be beguiled by the temptations of success offered by the 2014 Euro elections from preparing for an earlier electoral test. At Westminster the instability of the Coalition is emerging with increasing clarity. Fundamental shifts are forcing apart this marriage of convenience.

On the economy, apart from the basic difficulty of seeking growth but restraining spending – a Gordian knot for all the peripheral Eurozone economies – there stands the imperative of promoting enterprise and demand by reducing the levy on the productive effort of the nation – income and corporation tax. The mantra of the rich "paying their fair share" uttered by the Lib Dems is not only puerile but seriously damaging to the well being of the less well off. In the UK 1% of the population pays 28% of the taxes. It has been demonstrated time and again that the 'take' of any State Treasury increases with a fall in taxes. To deter those who create wealth by vindictive taxation is not just folly – it is a severing of the roots of economic growth.

But the Coalition now faces a more immediate test. The Lib Dems obsession with an elected House of Lords is bitterly opposed by a large and increasing cadre of Tory MPs particularly those elected in 2010. What the Lib Dems seek is ripe fruit to pick off their coalition deal with the Tories. They are unlikely to be gratified. Labour will see this as an opportunity to restore credit to its feeble leadership whatever the cost in principle. The Tories dissentients will be implacable in their resistance to a House of Lords in which the Lib Dems hold the controlling balance of votes.

And all above is the darkening cloud of the EU and its failed Eurozone. We cannot predict what will be the strains that this will impose on the Tory backbenchers. More "legislation" from Brussels, demands of the IMF or other funds to replace the pit props of failing state economies, some folly of the Court of Human Rights which most of the electorate sees as an EU construct – who can say. But in UKIP we can recognise that there has been a sea change on Europe. Whatever the future of the Euro it is will not remain as it is. A new Eurozone of France, Germany, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg is likely to emerge which will open the way to a reconstituted form of "Europe" and profound change.

We in UKIP must be ready for an earlier electoral contest than was likely 6 months ago. If I were Cameron I would be tempted by an electoral match with Labour still so discredited by Brown and leaderless under Miliband E. The Lib Dems have been badly tarnished by the Coalition and the electorate senses the need for clearer direction. It would not be difficult for a vote of no confidence to be engineered and for the country to find itself once more at the polls. We must be ready.

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-Thursdays meetings.

The Diary

Thursdays 1st March & 5th April 2012 - 7.30pm onwards – FIRST-THURSDAY MEETINGS:

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. Dorset North Library and Shop available in April only.



Friday 2nd – Saturday 3rd March 2012 - National UKIP Spring Conference – in Skegness:

Embassy Theatre, Grand Parade Skegness Lincolnshire PE25 2UG. The price of the one-day [Sat 3rd March] Conference Ticket is £20. Gala Dinner at the Southview Hotel on Friday 2nd March. On Saturday there will be a Chairman's Luncheon at the Grand Central. Book at <http://alturl.com/f8iwk> or contact Head Office.



Wednesday 7th March 2012 - afternoon - National FairFuel Day – London Rally:

Campaign for the reduction of fuel duties by FairFuelUK. With the support of the Tax Payers Alliance, a mass lobby of Westminster – details: <http://www.fairfueluk.com/nationalfairfuelday.html>. Peter Carroll:



Saturday 10th March 2012 – 2 for 2.30pm – Bournemouth West AGM

with refreshments and a question and answer session. Numbers to Marilyn on 01202 767 834. Venue : The Durley Dean Hotel, 28 Westcliff Road Bournemouth BH2 5HE.

Saturday 17th March 2012 – Christchurch UKIP AGM @4pm & Cheese & Wine evening @ 5pm:

AGM at 4pm, Cheese & Wine + special Dorset debut of Lord Hesketh at 5pm. This event is **FREE**, but book through Rollo Reid rollo@reidsteel.co.uk or in writing to Christchurch UKIP, 2 Castle Mews, Ringwood, BH24 2BG. Venue: St Catherine's Hill Community Hall, 17 Marlow Drive, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 2RR.

Saturday 28th April 2012 at 11am – Dorset North Annual General Meeting:

An opportunity to have your say, meet your committee, and even join them. Susie's Refreshments, David's incredible raffle, John's UKIP merchandise and information. Venue as usual: the excellent Village Hall, Pimperne, nr Blandford Forum. [A nearby postcode: DT11 8UZ]. Full info next time.



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. 7pm – 10.30pm. Contact Wyn Thomas at gbthomas@ukonline.co.uk



SALISBURY BRANCH

On the **4th Thursday of the month** [excluding August & December], at 7pm – 9.30pm UKIP **Salisbury** branch have an evening social at the Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, SP5 2AR. Ring Margaret Strange on 01980 623907 for details. The Green Dragon may originally be the Blue Dragon in Charles Dickens's 'Martin Chuzzlewit.' Website <http://alturl.com/prxqt> 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.



EXETER BRANCH

Pub evening 1st Tuesday of the month. Ralph Gay 01392 679187
CHELTENHAM Coffee Morning
2nd Saturday of the month
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CHIPPENHAM & N WILTS Pub night
1st Wednesday of the month
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