



What outstanding results we experienced in the County Council Elections! A remarkable swing to UKIP since previous elections [3% to 25% or so]. For those of you who did not see results the votes and positions are recorded below. Although we were unable to gain a UKIP's first Dorset County Councillor, Ian expected to be elected is now extremely has a plethora of training courses to attend He is of course a County Councillor so will might have very soon. If you receive received Ian's bio. However paper copies information. Ian's contact details are in the These are the basic **results** for those in



seat in Dorset North we are celebrating Smith [left] in Ferndown. Ian, who never busy learning what his new job entails and but is very keen and will soon be up to speed. be able to assist you with any queries you newsletters by email you may already have will accompany this issue for your contact details section of this newsletter.

Dorset North:

Blackmore Vale - Alan Kewley 957 (33.48%) 2nd; Blandford - Len Alabaster 553 (22.95%) 3rd; Cranborne Chase – Nick Jones 720 (31.45%) 2nd; Gillingham – Lester Taylor 495 (19.68%) 3rd; Shaftesbury – Lynda Dixon 485 (26.46%) 3rd; Stour Vale - Richard Lucas 490 (20.53%) 2nd; Verwood – John Baxter 1280 (18.35%) 2nd ; Verwood Roy Wetherall 1240 (17.78%) 2nd; Winterborne – Geoff Lambert 732 (28.69%). Well done to them all – a very big thank you to them. Full details available at: <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/election-results-2013>

Almost lost within the euphoria of the County Council elections was a District Council By-election in neighbouring West Dorset. **Peter Jenkins** fought the Cam ward for UKIP and came third with a similar and creditable 24.65%, and we warmly congratulate him.

We now have the task of finding **funding** for your branch. The costs of fielding so many candidates in this election and of the 'thank you' adverts placed in local papers have seriously depleted our funds. If you can make a donation to our association rather than Head Office [or perhaps both?] we would be eternally grateful and that will help us to the road of financial recovery. The association does incur running costs, especially postage, and needs to build up a fighting fund for the European Elections next year. The following year there will be a General Election [if the coalition lasts that long] and a plethora of Council seats up for grabs – and this all costs big time!

Candidates in the future elections are a big issue. There is unlikely to be any way of getting onto the European Election list after the end of May this year. However there is all to play for for the **General Election**. We have to get our Dorset North Parliamentary Candidate in place this summer so we are not caught out should there be a by-election or even a snap General Election. If you fancy a crack at this prestigious job opportunity [!] we need to register you very, very soon for your assessments. This is arranged by the Regional Organiser as close to your home turf as possible although you may have to travel some way. We must stress the urgency in starting this process so do please contact your Chairman asap. We need to hold a hustings this summer which has to be advertised to candidates nationwide by UKIP head office as well as with our branch members, as there is no requirement to live in the constituency to be a parliamentary candidate.

As previously mentioned **District, Borough and Town & Parish Council elections** will be held in May 2015. Our experiences in the recent County elections indicate that paper candidates may be a thing of the past for UKIP. All candidates now share a considerable chance of being elected, especially if UKIP continues to rise in the polls. You only need to ask Ian Smith about that! We must therefore look for members who would be happy to be elected and carry out their duties as councillors. So please give this some thought. We would like to ask you to let your chairman know if this appeals to you so we can concentrate our search for candidates in other areas. Voters will want candidates in all wards and we must not disappoint them.



The UKIP Forum reports that Young Independence Universities Officer Liam Porter is building a contacts list of UKIP members who are currently at **university**. If you are at university, could you please let Liam know by email? Information which would be useful is your name, membership number, the year you will graduate and the university at which you are currently studying. Please contact Liam

directly at liamp93@hotmail.co.uk.

If you are hoping to be included in the ranks of **candidates** for next year's European Election you may be interested to know that the following MEPs are hoping to be re-elected: Stuart Agnew, Gerard Batten, Godfrey Bloom, William Dartmouth, Nigel Farage, Roger Helmer, Mike Nattrass, and Paul Nuttall. This informs us in the South West that Trevor Colman will not continue, meaning that at least two new faces will be joining the EUP from our area.

Indeed we have received a message from Trevor Colman confirming he will not be standing in the next EUP elections. We show this message for your information:

"I write to you to inform you and the members of your branch that I shall not be standing for re-election in the European Elections to be held in May 2014. In the intervening 12 months I shall continue as a UKIP MEP, working for the Party as I have in the past.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank your membership for the support and assistance they have given me, not only for the period of time I have been a UKIP MEP, but also for the nine years we have worked together prior to that.

"Kind regards and best wishes, Trevor Colman MEP."

We thank Trevor for his considerable labours over these years and wish he and Sue a long, happy, healthy and well deserved retirement.

We are delighted to report that Party Leader **Nigel Farage** is coming to a theatre near you this month. It is a commercial venture and not organised by local members, thus there is a not unsubstantial charge of £18 a ticket. The venue is the Tivoli in Wimborne and details are shown in the diary. Do help to make this a success. Bookings are to be made with the theatre itself. We hope to see you there on the 19th June. Bring along some non-members?



We are also looking to hold another important meeting in **Shaftesbury** very soon, but we can't give details until all arrangements are in place. So please watch this space!

Unfortunately for you **Jeremy Nieboer** is having a break from his pen this month but should be back to his erudite self next month. Regrettably, in the meantime, you will just have to put up with more from the editor!

It seems that Somerset farmers are worried about **potato production** and prices this year. Poor weather has led to late planting and reduced acreage, causing potatoes to double in price and us to be reliant on foreign produce.



Another agricultural problem concerns the cull on **badgers**. The cull takes place from June 1st and yet it has been announced before it starts that it is being expanded into another 40 areas 'if deemed successful' by Environment Secretary Owen Paterson. It is expected to continue for 25 years with farmers being given permission to shoot them routinely. However farmers state that the cull should last no more than 4 years. 100,000 badgers are expected to be killed by these measures. Conservationists and welfare campaigners argue that

there is no compelling evidence that shows badgers are a key cause of Bovine TB, nor that culling them would halt it. The photo is of a Longham badger in the Greenacres garden.

Some time ago we mentioned that **vacuum cleaners** were under threat from the EU. We have now received confirmation that the maximum size of motor is to be 1600 watts, down from 2000watts and the new regulations take effect in 2014. Apparently this is to save power, although of course a lower powered machine will have to be run longer to achieve the same pickup capability – saving nothing whatsoever. The usual interfering rubbish from the EU. If you are thinking of updating your vacuum cleaner do it now before new ones become useless. This could be an anti-British move, as many continental countries scarcely use them due to hard uncarpeted floors.

Plans for the privatisation of the **Royal Mail**, already decimated by being cherry picked by EU companies, have been firmed up. The government has appointed Goldman Sachs and UBS as the lead banks to manage a planned initial public sale on the London Stock Exchange later this year. Barclays and Bank of America Merrill Lynch will also be involved. This could value Royal Mail at about £3 billion according to some analysts. The company is now considered successful after a series of swinging postage cost rises, and more use of on line sales. The sale is due to an EU directive requiring such companies to be free of government ownership [esp. in the UK!]. The likely purchasers at a probable knock-down price are Dutch owned TNT and the German Deutsche Post – the latter ironically still part owned by the German government. Be prepared for a further reduction and possible cost increases for the less profitable services.

As you may have seen on TV the European Commission is taking the UK to court for "discrimination" after introducing a residency test for some **welfare payments**. Ministers fear the move will trigger a free-for-all for benefits tourists that could cost taxpayers more than £150million a year. The Conservative Work and Pensions Secretary Iain Duncan Smith is making a show of vowing to fight "every step of the way" against the move. This is no more than a front as the EU will easily win its case, as IDS knows only too well. An EU spokesman [sorry – spokesperson] has said: "The UK discriminates unfairly against nationals from other member states. This contravenes EU rules on the coordination of social security systems which outlaw direct and indirect discrimination in the field of access to benefits." What more reason can we need for getting out of the EU?

It is interesting to note that the EU is criticising Spain for allowing some hospitals to refuse to recognise the **European Health Insurance Card** (EHIC) which Britons carry in the expectation of obtaining free medical treatment. The card is supposed to entitle holidaymakers from other EU countries to free care in public hospitals. But a growing number of tourists have had their cards rejected by Spanish hospitals and had to resort to credit cards. Staff have told them to claim on their travel insurance. Visitors should receive the same healthcare access as residents of the country they are visiting, including GP visits, prescriptions and hospital stays. One wonders whether

the Spanish tourists pay anything when visiting British hospitals and other medical facilities. A level playing field that is rather hilly?

The EU's Environment committee is proposing that the top speed of **vans** in the European Union should be electronically limited to 120 km (75 miles) per hour. The plan is part of a debate on how to cut carbon emissions and improve the fuel efficiency of Europe's vehicles. It would only become law if approved by EU member states.

This month's petitions:

- **Oppose possible pay increases for MPs – after all they are doing little for you:** <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/44225>
- **A Telegraph poll which may still be running asks 'Should Britain stay and renegotiate or leave the EU altogether?' When we last checked the results were as follows: 'Stay and renegotiate – there's too much to lose 8.28% (362 votes)' and 'Leave altogether – the EU isn't going to change 91.72% (4,010 votes).'** That is pretty conclusive – if still possible add your vote to it: <http://alturl.com/ucf6f>.

Links of interest:

- **Nigel talks of tax evasion to and by the EUP & Co. :** <http://alturl.com/82vvg>
- **Godfrey Blooms explains the banking situation very succinctly in the EUP:** <http://alturl.com/d6f7nri>
- **Nigel and the City's move towards UKIP:** <http://alturl.com/4mxzd>
- **Interesting links re the EU backing away from renewable energy:** <http://alturl.com/4mxzd>
- **Pat Condell in plain terms says "Vote UKIP" in the General Election:** <http://alturl.com/qvee6> - see others while you are here.

What the media is saying:

- **Beppe Grillo, leader of Italy's opposition Five Star Movement, has said that "The euro should be rethought... we are considering doing a year of campaigning to then call a referendum to say yes or no to the euro and to say yes or no to [EU membership]".** *Gazzetta del Sud.*
- **The *Cyprus Mail* reports that the Central Bank of Cyprus has slammed the EU/IMF/ECB Troika for distorting the results of the money laundering audits, suggesting the Troika only focused on the weaknesses and drew too many inferences.**
- **The *Famagusta Gazette* reports that Cyprus and Russia have agreed to deepen cooperation in defence matters after Russia requested facilities for Russian Navy vessels in Cyprus.**
- **Germany is the most popular country in the world according to a new poll by the *BBC*. It is viewed positively by most people in countries including Spain (68%), the UK (78%) and France (81%). However, most Greeks (52%) view it negatively. [!!! Ed.]**
- **A recent YouGov poll for the *Times* states that only 17% believe David Cameron feels strongly about his European strategy, with 64% believing he is motivated by political tactics. Tory voters agreed by a margin of 45% to 44%, and also that voters believed Labour's Ed Miliband placed calculation ahead of conviction on Europe by 52% to 20%.**
- **According to *Reuters*, the German Bundestag has approved Croatia's EU entry, clearing the last formal hurdle for the country to join the EU on 1 July 2013.**

The Diary:

Thursdays 6th June & 4th July 2013 - 7.30pm onwards – First-Thursdays 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! Joint Dorset branches event. Library & Shop available in June. For further information if needed contact John Baxter – 01202 897884 or john@ukipdorsetnorth.org.uk



Friday 14th June 2013 – 6pm - Christchurch PPC Selection Meeting [Hustings]:

Venue is the Snowtrax Ski Centre, Matchams Lane, Hurn, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 6AW. Voting limited to Christchurch members, but other branches welcome. Please let the X'church secretary know if you are able to attend. Food and drink available at cost. Contact Tom Linnington on 01202 483509.



Monday 17th June 2013 – 7.30pm - UKIP Thornbury & Yate Branch Public meeting:

Venue is Chipping Sodbury Town Hall, 57-59 Broad Street, Chipping Sodbury, Bristol BS37 6AD. Topic is 'Why it is time for Britain to leave the EU and how we can work together to restore common sense in the best interest of the UK.' Speakers are: Paul Nuttall MEP (Deputy Leader of UKIP), Mike Read (Former Radio1 DJ and UKIP Spokesman for Culture, Media & Sport), Reece Warren (Chairman of Somerset Young Independence). More information please contact Russ Martin on 01454 854360 russmartin@blueyonder.co.uk



Wednesday 19th June 2013 – 7.30pm – An Audience with Nigel Farage:

The Tivoli Theatre, West Borough, Wimborne Minster BH21 1LT. Enjoy Nigel's own story told with wit and humour, then take part in a Q & A session. Book directly with the theatre on 01202 885566, <http://tinyurl.com/cajdf02>, or in person at the box office. Tickets £18.



Saturday 22nd June 2013 – 3 to 5pm – UKIP Christian Soldiers meeting:

Bournemouth UKIP's first such meeting at St. Nicholas Church, Broadway, Hengistbury Head, BH6 4EP. Rev Philip Foster, an author who is one of the patrons, will be chairing and speaking on climate change and David Skinner on Gay Marriage and the implications for Christians.



Saturday 6th July 2013 – 11am – All branches Chat, Coffee or Snack:

Mid Dorset & North Poole UKIP offer a bimonthly opportunity to meet over a coffee or light luncheon at Corfe Coffee, 137 Wareham Road, Corfe Mullen, BH21 3HH. Details if needed from Dave Evans on 01202 602 856.



Saturday 13th July 2013 – 12 noon – New Forest West Luncheon:

Monthly luncheon at the Amberwood, 154 Ringwood Road, Walkford, Highcliffe, BH23 5RQ. Cost for 2 course and tea/coffee is £9.50. Guest speaker is **John Butler**, Poole UKIP chairman on 'Ever Decreasing Circles and The Rise of UKIP'. Book through francescossey@yahoo.co.uk.



Sunday 14th July 2013 - 12.30 for 1.00 pm – Hog Roast & Buffet Celebration Lunch:

Celebrating Gloucester's success in the May elections. Host Prof Tim Congdon CBE, with speaker Paul Nuttall MEP, UKIP's deputy leader. Venue - Huntley Manor, Huntley, Gloucestershire, GL19 3HQ. Cost £10. Cash bar and raffle. Contact: Colin Guyton, The Great Barn, High Street, Ruardean, Glos GL17 9US. Tel: 01594 541486 email: colinguyton@onebillinternet.co.uk of W. Glos & Forest of Dean UKIP.



Saturday 27th July 2013 – 12 Noon – East & West Bournemouth Luncheon:

The Gilbey's Restaurant, Liston Hotel, Wollstonecraft Road, Boscombe Spa, Bournemouth BH5 1JQ. £10 for a two course buffet lunch with tea & coffee. Open to all branches. Please book with Phil Bunce on 01202 430 097 or email phil-bunce@hotmail.com at least 7 days before.



Friday 20th September - 2 days – UKIP's 20th Anniversary Annual Conference:

Return visit to the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster for this special conference. Expected to book up early so book soon. 2 day ticket £35, Chairman Reception 7pm [Thurs]; 20th Anniversary Gala Dinner £50. See back cover of 'Independence' magazine, or www.ukip.org/conference20 or by phone on 01626 831290.



Saturday 28th September 2013 – 12 Noon – East & West Bournemouth Luncheon:

The Gilbey's Restaurant, Liston Hotel, Wollstonecraft Road, Boscombe Spa, Bournemouth BH5 1JQ. £10 for a two course buffet lunch with tea & coffee. Open to all branches. Please book with Phil Bunce on 01202 430 097 or email phil-bunce@hotmail.com at least 7 days before.



<p><u>EAST DEVON BRANCH</u> Lunch 1st Tuesday of the month at the White Hart Inn, Church Street, Woodbury, EX5 1HN. Telephone John Kelly 01395 276 130.</p> <p><u>EXETER BRANCH</u> Pub evening 1st Tuesday of the month. Ralph Gay 01392 679 187</p>	<p><u>WELLS BRANCH</u> On 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</p> <p><u>CHELTENHAM Coffee Morning</u> 2nd Saturday of the month - Alan Stone 01242 515 439</p>
<p><u>CHIPPENHAM & N WILTS Pub night</u> 1st Wednesday of the month Lysley Arms, Pewsham SN15 3RU 7pm</p> <p><u>SALISBURY BRANCH</u> On the 4th Thursday of the month [excluding August & December], 7pm – 9.30pm an evening social at the Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, SP5 2AR. Ring Margaret Strange on 01980 623 907 for details. email fmpHoward@btinternet.com</p>	<p><u>WEST DORSET Pub Evenings</u> alison@hansford7044.fsnet.co.uk :</p> <p><u>Bridport:</u> 1st Saturday of the month at 7.30pm – Woodman Inn, South Street, Bridport, DT6 3NZ</p> <p><u>Sherborne:</u> Tuesdays - July 16th, Sept 17th, Nov 19th Britannia Inn, Westbury, Sherborne, DT9 3EH at 7:30pm.</p>

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

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

UKIP Videos online: <http://www.ukip.tv/> William Dartmouth MEP's Website: <http://www.williamdartmouth.com>

Trevor Coleman MEP's Website: <http://www.ukipsw.org/index.php/meps/trevor-colman> The **E-Unit** Website: <http://www.th-eu-nit.com/>

Between 16 & 30? Young Independence is especially for you: Website: <http://www.youngindependence.org>

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Christchurch UKIP Facebook page – please join now – click: <http://alturl.com/og59f>

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