



Spring Conference in Skegness was a major success. **Roger Helmer MEP & Alexandra Swann** were unveiled as our new recruits from the Conservative party. Roger said that the Tories had failed in both the EUP and Westminster to carry out election pledges, and he said that he could not support their policies. The lively Alexandra wooed the audience with her charm, commonsense and wit. The former Deputy Chairman of Conservative Future gave an excellent concise speech explaining why she could no longer support the Conservative Party, beginning by saying that "After nearly ten years in the Conservative Party, it feels brilliant to not be censored" – and later got a round of applause when she described this government as 'about as conservative-led as the EU is a democratic institution'. **Sir Chris Woodhead**,



Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in England from 1994 until 2000, spoke of the UKIP education policy being closest to his ideal. Sadly now suffering from Motor Neurone Disease Sir Chris spoke eloquently and clearly and rightly received

tremendous applause. **Professor Tim Congdon**, despite a bout of flu, laid out financial matters in a clear presentation & the inimitable **Nigel Farage** rallied the troops as none other can! Many spoke as well as these talents. John Gaunt, ex of Radio Talk Sport fame; Godfrey Bloom on defence; Peter Adams from Scotland on the threat to England and UKIP's even being, as a possible result of Alec Salmond's independence ambition; Gerard Batten on the cost of the EU; and many more worthy persons who would be mentioned here but for lack of space. We should mention that there was a very strong contingent from Young Independence, the youth wing of the party, which very well illustrates that the future of the party is in very safe and capable hands. Conference DVDs are being prepared for those without web access, but many of the speeches are now online and we commend them to you. See the links section.

On Saturday the 17th March **Lord Hesketh** addressed the Christchurch Cheese & Wine evening. A full house of around 90 members from across Dorset branches were entertained roundly by a consummate professional! Taking us through his career in motor racing, airlines and in Parliament, his wit and eloquence survived a full speech and also an almost one hour question and answer session. We warmly welcome Lord Hesketh to UKIP. View his speech on the UKIP TV homepage: <http://www.ukip.tv/>



We did hear that BBC **QuestionTime** was due to be recorded in Westminster Newton in April. The BBC listing has now shown that this is not to be the case. Such things do often change. Should it be rescheduled we will let you know.

Locally, as threatened last month, we are holding our **AGM** on the 28th April at the usual venue of the lovely Pimperne Village Hall. Make a morning of it - enjoy Susie's delicious refreshments; David's 'everyone a winner' excellent raffle and John will ensure a good choice of UKIP merchandise and leaflets are available. We are particularly excited this year in that we will have two speakers. **Jeremy Nieboer** is known to most of you being the former Dorset North PPC and a solicitor. We are not yet privy to his topic but are sure it will be of great interest. Additionally we are very fortunate and pleased to welcome **Corrie Williams**, a potential candidate in the New Forest West constituency. Corrie will be telling us about a subject that is profoundly important to the future of this country. The title of her speech is self explanatory:- '**The indoctrination of a nation: EU propaganda in our schools**'. If you have children, grandchildren, great grandchildren or just a keen interest in this country's future do not miss this.

May we remind you of an important event occurring soon? It is part of what is being called the **Branch Revival** scheme. This is a tool for helping to make the party more professional, starting at local level. Open to all members it is essential for active and prospective committee members, prospective candidates of all levels, activists and those wishing to be helpful behind scenes. It takes the shape of an all day seminar covering many aspects. The charges are modest - £12 for lunch and just £2 for the course. Contact Pam McAlister for fuller details. Payment expected in advance. 01202 420134 - pamela.mcalester@btinternet.com. The Venue: the St Leonards Hotel, 185 Ringwood Road, St Leonards, Ringwood, BH24 2NP and the date Saturday 14th April. If the cost is prohibitive have a chat with your chairman – help may be at hand! We hope several members of each Dorset branch will take up this excellent offer.

UKIP has recently benefitted from several sitting **councillors** realising we are the best party! Following in Roger Helmer and Alexandra Swann's wake are former Mayor Cat Bursnall and her husband Tom, both Conservatives on Windsor Council in Berkshire; Councillor John Short, who sits as an Independent on Swindon Borough Council for the Highworth Ward; and Christopher Quinton, a Conservative councillor for Woodcote on South Oxfordshire District Council. We welcome them all to UKIP.

Royal Mail postage costs are set to rise with letter post soaring to 50p second class and a staggering 60p first class as they attempt to catch up with EU postal prices and also make themselves attractive to potential buyers through privatisation. Much of their problems are due to the sale instigated by the EU when foreign companies such as TNT and DHL were able to cherry-pick Royal Mail services. Additionally EU rules force the Royal Mail to deliver TNT/DHL letters and parcels at a thumping loss. However we as users of their facilities have an opportunity to make a canny investment in these austere times. Bulk buy as many 1st and 2nd class stamps as you might need for several years but not stamps that show a cash value. That way you will be able to benefit not only by this year's 39% [2nd class] or 30% [1st class] rise but also in subsequent years when prices, now unregulated, will no doubt rise further. With banks paying pathetic interest rates for deposit accounts this make an incredible investment. Your newsletter/digest editor has done this for some years, minimising costs, and will certainly be doing this again before the 30th April 2012. Many other Royal Mail services now include the EU tax called VAT, causing other huge rises. Currently postage is VAT exempt but for how much longer – another 20% hike coming soon?

The **budget** has passed with minimal comment. However Vat is now been levied on takeaways, and petrol will rise yet again to over £7.00 a gallon. The average family will be paying way more than their reduction in income tax promised.

The EU is now meddling with **musical instruments**. They are intending to ban the strings used in tradition instruments. They are made of cow-gut and the EU mistakenly believes that these can transmit mad cow disease. How that can be when one would have to digest a considerable quantity of them to run any risk at all? One wonders who is mad.

Thanks again to the EU it will soon be illegal for shops to give out **plastic bags** to shoppers, with fines for offending businesses. They will still be able to be bought. With 6.4 billion being used annually this will no doubt make a nice little earner for the EU. **Halogen light** bulbs are also for the chop. Apparently they are too juicy. Alternatives are believed to be much more expensive – and par for the course – this means more vat into the EU's coffers!

The EUs attack on London's financial sector enters another phase in 2014. New rules for **insurance** companies, as yet fully revealed, will be implemented. If considered too burdensome many companies are likely to reluctantly leave our shores and probable head out of the EU to the Far East. Prudential, the massive British insurance company, would probably relocate in Hong Kong where they have other interests in a more favourable trading zone. A loss to the UK as well as the EU. As usual the ineptitude of the EU is likely to continue to impoverish both the EU and the UK.

Cameron is now in a panic about **gay marriages**. Suddenly he wants to make this legal, despite virtually no one in the country supporting it or it even being an election policy. Why can this be? Because there is a case going through the European Court of Human Rights which seems quite well put together. Should the ECHR rule in favour of gay marriages, saying UK law is discriminatory, Cameron would seem to have been outwitted by the EU – yet again.

Olli Rehn, the European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs, presented an interim forecast to the press recently in Brussels, presenting the view that the *'euro area [is] in mild recession with signs of stabilisation!'* What was not said was that having studied the figures for all the 27 countries in the EU, there are few signs of recession in the countries outside the euro, except for Hungary. Thus the single currency would clearly be to blame for this. However what else was said? The 17-member single currency countries were referred to as: Germany and *'the 16 non-German members of the eurozone.'* It could not be made clearer to the politicians in this country who is ruling the EU.

Did you know that nearly half of the £1.2b we pay to the EU Aid fund went last year to rebuild Turkey's **sewage system** to bring it up to EU standards? £570m that could have been spent on own Victorian systems, which are currently being modernised through funding paid by us [again] through our water bills. Turkey is not even in the EU – yet.

With **Argentina** stirring up trouble and seemingly preparing for war to 'regain' the Falkland Islands, does it not seem strange that we are also giving aid to Argentina whilst we cut and cut again our military budgets and capability? Money is heading their way by way of the World Bank and the European Union. Why they need foreign aid is a mystery, and is also causing consternation to the Americans who want it stopped. It is unlikely the EU or Cameron will listen.

Cocking a snoot at British workers' holiday entitlement, **Baroness Ashton's** Foreign diplomats receive 83 days annual leave, which with other official absences amount to a staggering 24 weeks. In addition to large salaries and low taxes they also receive the benefit of chauffeurs, homes and education for their children.

The abolition of two important laws, both by Labour at different times, are now causing our country to fall apart even further than it already has. King Edward III brought in his 1351 **Act of Provisors**. This Act made it an offence akin to High Treason to dispose of any English asset to a foreign owner. This law was abolished in 1948 by Labour in the run-up to the creation of the EEC, allowing large international companies to transcend national borders as part of the New World Order. Labour opened the gate and this now has repercussions for the Police, Royal Mail & Our roads systems. All are likely to be taken over by foreign companies – the acquisitions would run the risk of being run down or even closed down in favour of other assets held by these purchasing companies as previously seen in the demise or near demise of our Steel, Coal and Dockland industries. None should have been removed from the care of the British people.

Another thing the forward looking King Edward III brought in was the 1351 **Act of Praemunire** which made it an act of High Treason to draw any of his subjects out of his Kingdom to be tried in a foreign court. It made it an act of High Treason for the imposition of any foreign law into his Kingdom, and he made it an act of High Treason for any of his Bishops to excommunicate any of his subjects on the orders of the Pope or without his permission. The Act of Praemunire was repealed by the Labour Government in 1967 in the Criminal Law Act 1967. This paved the way for the

iniquitous European Arrest Warrant that has ruined the lives of Michael Turner and Jason McGoldrick as well as the one sided arrangement with the USA, allowing businessmen such as Christopher Tappin who sold a few £hundred of batteries to Iran, to be hauled off to the States on very dubious evidence. Both laws need serious reform or abolition. This month we are giving **Jeremy Nieboer** a well earned rest, and we look forward to hearing from him at our AGM.

This month's petitions:

The defence of marriage: <http://alturl.com/3iond> [avoid donation to petitions by closing the window after you have signed].

Brit Chris Tappen has been held in the USA after extradition from the UK: <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/30569>

Keep MPH on our cars and roads: <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/17631>

This month's links of interest:

- Skegness speeches: <http://www.ukip.tv/?paged=3> [entries dated March 8th and before]
- Big Brother IS watching and listening to YOU: <http://alturl.com/jq8oo>
- One girl in an orange dress v the Muslim mob in Luton: <http://alturl.com/bnujw>

What the media is saying:

- **Farmers Weekly** report that Countryfile presenter Matt Baker named Wind Turbines as the biggest threat to the countryside. He questioned their effectiveness as some near his Durham home never seem to be actually working.
- **The Unit** reports that the EU has given £5.3 million to 15 Scots projects from the European Structural Fund which boosts research, innovation, rural development and urban regeneration as well as helping unemployed or economically inactive people prepare for work by enabling them to upgrade their skills. [Buying Salmond some votes? Ed].
- The **Irish Times** reports that low cost airline Ryanair has complained that the EU Commission's policy of banning its staff from flying on cheap airlines or reimbursing low cost flights is discriminatory.
- In an echo of the fate of the British Fishing Fleet **De Standaard** reports that Greek fishermen are receiving up to €70 000 in EU funding to destroy their old traditional fishing boats. A spokesperson for EU Fisheries Commissioner Maria Damanaki admitted that current EU rules increase overfishing, as subsidies are used to purchase more efficient boats.
- **EuObserver** state that a vast majority of MEPs have voted (429 to 184) to end the European Parliament having two seats - in Brussels and in Strasbourg. While most 'single-seaters' favour Brussels, EP President Martin Schulz favours Strasbourg.
- The cross-party **People's Pledge** pressure group are holding a trial referendum in the parliamentary constituency of Thurrock on the 5th April about whether to hold a referendum on the UK's membership of the EU. The group plans to hold a further ten such referenda this year and 100 in 2013.
- **Die Presse** reports that according to the recent "Eyes on Europe" study, 2 out of 5 Austrian citizens declared that they did not support the EU, a higher proportion than the European average.
- The **Telegraph's** live blog quotes **Open Europe's** blog commenting on the latest ECJ annual report, which showed that the UK was condemned for failing to implement EU law a much lower number of times than France, Germany, Italy and Spain between 2007 and 2011.
- **Yahoo! Cars News** say that Swindon, which scrapped its speed cameras in July 2009 to save on council costs and trial other traffic calming measures, has just two accidents per thousand registered vehicles on its roads - the lowest rate in the UK. The town became the first English local authority to decommission fixed cameras, although it decided to maintain mobile cameras used by police. London who uses fixed cameras has the worst accident record in the country.

The Diary

Thursdays 5th April & 3rd May 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 branches. Dorset North Library & Shop available in April only.



Wednesday 11th April 2012 – 6.45pm – Bruges group meeting:

Shackled to the failing EU – speakers The Hon. Jacob Rees-Mogg MP, H of C EU Scrutiny Committee & economist and broadcaster Ruth Lea. £10 includes refreshments at the door - venue: Princess Alexandra Hall, Royal Over-seas League, Over-Seas House, 6 Park Place, St James's Street, London, SW1A 1LR.



Wednesday 11th April 2012 – 10am – part one of Public Enquiry re East Stoke Turbines:

First Day [of 10] of the Public Inquiry into Purbeck District Council's refusal to allow the construction of 4 Giant industrial Wind Turbines at East Stoke near Wareham. Day one venue: the Furzebrook Village Hall, Furzebrook Road, Wareham BH20 5AR. The following nine days, 12th to 25th April 2012 will be held in the Council Chambers, Westport House, Worgret Road, Wareham, BH20 4PP. More info re: DART www.dartdorset.org



Saturday 14th April 2012 at 9.45am - all day – Dorset Branches Revival Day:

Essential for ALL committee members, prospective candidates, activists and those wishing to help behind scenes or to progress within UKIP or in local, national and European politics. An all day seminar on numerous topics. £12 for lunch, £2 for the course. Contact Pam McAlister for fuller details. Payment expected in advance to P. McAlister. 01202 420134 - pamela.mcalester@btinternet.com
Venue is the St Leonards Hotel, 185 Ringwood Road, St Leonards, Ringwood, BH24 2NP.



Saturday 28th April 2012 at 10.45am – 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]. We are pleased that our very own Jeremy Nieboer and Corrie Williams from New Forest West will be guest speakers after the business of the day.



Saturday 2nd June 2012 – Noon onwards – Ferndown Queens Jubilee celebrations:

Should you be at a loose end please have a look at these celebrations. John Baxter is organising a Classic Car Show and Tug of war contests. Loads of other events and sports. Fun for all ages. Free to attend. Venue – King George V playing fields in Ferndown. See Ferndown Town Council website. Got a classic car, motorcycle, light commercial? £5 to show & receive a commemorative plaque – contact FTC or J L Baxter for an entry form.



<p><u>WELLS BRANCH</u></p> <p>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</p>	<p><u>SALISBURY BRANCH</u></p> <p>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 in part be the Blue Dragon in Charles Dickens's 'Martin Chuzzlewit.' Website http://alturl.com/prxqt email jharvey1917@btinternet.com</p>
<p><u>EAST DEVON BRANCH</u></p> <p>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!</p>	<p><u>EXETER BRANCH</u></p> <p>Pub evening 1st Tuesday of the month. Ralph Gay 01392 679187</p> <p><u>CHELTENHAM Coffee Morning</u></p> <p>2nd Saturday of the month Alan Stone 01242 515439</p> <p><u>CHIPPENHAM & N WILTS Pub night</u></p> <p>1st Wednesday of the month Lysley Arms, Pewsham SN15 3RU 7pm</p>

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