

It is often stated that a week in politics is a long time. Will five months be seen as being a career for our current leader? As a result of the NEC's decisive vote of no confidence on Sunday 21st January, there will soon be an Extraordinary General Meeting to resolve Henry Bolton's future within the party. This will take place on the 17th February and is to be held in the International Conference Centre in Broad Street Birmingham. Those members attending will, by endorsing or rejecting the NEC's motion of no confidence, be able to vote to support our current leader or ask for the appointment of a temporary leader until such time as an election can be held. The official invitation should reach you before Friday 2nd February from Head Office. Pre-registering is essential. See the diary entry for the main details. Car sharing may be available from your branch.

UKIP must resolve this dispute swiftly, and get back to concentrating on securing a proper Brexit under whichever leader is chosen, in a united party, and not wasting time discussing personal relationships. Little appears to have been put out by the Party this side of Christmas on the many issues facing the country in respect to Brexit, and the dire negotiations by the Conservative government. However, this is almost certainly not the fault of the press department who put out a constant flow of news releases to the media. These have of course will have been ignored by a media who seeks cheap sensationalism and anything that puts UKIP and Brexit in a bad light. Any interviews with UKIP personnel cover only the negatives, and any discussion on Brexit and other issues are curtailed rapidly.

One Christchurch commentator has suggested: "Although this [the Bolton situation] has undoubtedly damaged the party's name, it does make you think why have the media covered and been more critical of Henry's personal relationship than Jeremy Corbyn's relationships with the IRA, Hamas and Hezbollah! So, all in all, I feel Henry has been reckless (far from the stable leadership image he sold to the members) and has dealt with this issue terribly, but let's get things in perspective, although he may have to go as a result of this he hasn't committed any crimes, unlike other party leaders, who, you could argue, have committed treason by being allies of this country's enemies." – discuss!



Those receiving a paper copy of the digest are receiving a circular received by email from **Gerard Batten MEP**. He is thought to be a possible choice as an interim leader, should it come to that. Most members with email, we assume, have received this already. If you have not let me know and we can email a copy to you. There may be other contenders but at the time of going to print we have not received anything similar from anyone else.

The big local event in our area this month is the meeting organised by the Christchurch branch [open to members of all UKIP branches and their guests] in the revised venue in Longham. The main speaker will be **Bill Etheridge MEP** who until the recent leadership debacle was UKIP's Spokesman on Sport. He will be talking about the importance of UKIP and the need for us to stay relevant, and after his speech he'll do a Q&A! This as an opportunity for you to ask whatever you wish, especial regarding the leadership situation. Do support this event as Bill will have come a long distance to speak, and no doubt will be at the EGM the following day.



The petition '**Leave the EU Immediately**' was debated by Parliament in the Westminster Hall on Monday 22nd January – the result basically being that it would not be feasible to do that. The debate lasted about two and a half hours and the link is included in our "Links of Interest". There is an interesting section towards the end when Suella Fernandes MP sums up the current position.

We keep returning to the issue of **BBC bias**. We have a wonderful link to the CIB webpage which reveals the top 50 bias techniques employed by Auntie Beeb – well worth a read. Do spread the word. Additionally,

the Mail has quoted a Civitas report which states that just 3.2% of guests talking about the EU on the Today Programme over a ten-year period were pro-Brexit. Numerically, in the period 2005-2015 only 132 of 4275 guests on that 'fine' program were Leavers. More recently, in the week of Article 50 being triggered last March, only 6.5 per cent of speakers in Today's coverage were given space to be pro-Brexit. Read the full alarming story with more statistics here <http://alturl.com/zzyo5> . There is no defence for these indisputable facts. As a tax payer funded organisation whose treachery and lack of impartiality know no bounds, the BBC is a failure and a national disgrace and should face the severest censure – Total reform or dissolution.

Letter to the Editor of, and published in, the Purbeck Gazette from Mike Fry, Mid Dorset & North Poole member.

Shocking Fishing Practices

A new kind of fishing called pulse trawling uses electricity to shock flatfish or shrimps out of the sediment on the sea floor, upwards into a net.

It's important to note that officially pulse trawling is banned by the European Union. Article 31 of Council Regulation [EC] No 850/98 covers unconventional fishing methods and clearly states: "The catching of marine organisms using methods incorporating the use of explosives, poisons or stupefying substances or electric current shall be prohibited."

But just as with Japan over using a legal loophole to slaughter whales for research, the EU has over a hundred pulse trawlers with EU companies, operating twenty such trawlers from UK ports. There is no control or regulation on the power or frequency of pulses which are emitted by their fishing gear.

Our government should have listened to those whose livelihoods are dependent on a sustainable fishing industry that leaves a sufficient number of fish to replenish those taken. George Monbiot is a prominent environmentalist and in the Guardian newspaper he calls Europe's slaughter of sea life in the name of science an outrage.

A couple of quotes from those whose pulse trawling will eventually put out of business starts with the Thanet Fisherman Association who are reported to have said: "Fishing in a graveyard. What they don't catch (pulse trawlers) they annihilate, virtually everything is dead." Another example is from the owner of two trawlers operating from Ramsgate: "This is absolutely devastating for us because we never caught so many fish that were already dead. It's a waste of time going to that area now. It stinks of dead fish."

The opportunity we have now is to do better than the EU has done. Beam trawling is very destructive, gear pulling everything in and destroying habitat and so on, but pulse trawling has the added disadvantage of killing almost everything, included non-target species, in its way.

We humans have destroyed the habitats of almost all other creatures that share our planet. We have polluted the oceans, pushed wildlife to the brink of extinction and now we are embarking on a crusade to kill every last worm, little shrimp and fish. Considering over twenty percent of our food is wasted, would it not be a better idea to concentrate on not wasting so much food in a last-ditch attempt to prevent this Armageddon?

Mike Fry. For further information:
<http://mike-hookem.org/news.php?id=125>



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Quote of the month

"We must get back into the fray and start making the compelling case for a true Brexit!"

Jeff Taylor - <https://youtu.be/mTNfJieS1>

Petition

Prohibit all medical treatment for gender reassignment below the age of 18

<http://www.citizenngo.org/en/signit/147194/view>

This month we have introduced more links than usual. This is a way to cover more ground on important issues than space permits. All are worthy of your time. Apologies to those without internet.

Links of Interest

Nigel Farage, in top form, blasts Irish Taoiseach Leo Varadkar, accusing him of being part of an effort to "frustrate" and "overturn" Brexit: <http://alturl.com/9dmeh>

Europe is finished. Nothing can save it now – posted by PravoslavieUSA [re gender issues] [HEALTH WARNING - take your blood pressure tablets before viewing this adult video]: <http://alturl.com/9xxrf>

Raheem Kassam, editor-in-chief of Breitbart News London, hammers the BBC over Donald Trump tweet story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bmdhTB-sWOM>

Unmissable -The BBC's official festive fifty bias techniques:
<http://campaignforanindependentbritain.org.uk/bbcs-official-festive-fifty-bias-techniques/>

A possible takeover of UKIP and many other stories:
<http://mbganews.com/2018/01/19/exposed-the-open-borders-activists-planning-a-ukip-takeover/>

Parliament 2½ hour debate on 22nd January on the "Leave the EU immediately" petition in Westminster Hall, including Suella Fernandes MP [Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Exiting the European Union] laying out the government position from 18-41-10 onwards:

<http://www.parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/2237e95c-62c3-498e-8174-619d61ef069b>

Jacob Rees-Mogg expertly destroys David Davis on the Brexit Transition Period
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wD-i8H2mYGs&feature=youtu.be>

A YouGov poll, released mid-January, shows the majority of midsize companies would be happier if the UK left both the customs union and the single market.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/905391/brexit-news-EU-eurozone-crisis-ECB-bank-Philip-Lane>

Regular Links of Interest

Jeff Taylor – View his many daily videos here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3k_puv5zP2g&t=88s

Get the latest UKIP news: - <http://www.ukip.org/news> Radio Free UK: www.radiofreeuk.org

Independent, cross-party, grassroots Eurosceptic group <http://getbritainout.org/>

Blonde in the belly of the beast – lots of common-sense - US & UK <http://alturl.com/sod8n>

Make Votes Matter – organisation promoting Proportional Representation: www.makevotesmatter.org.uk

Further information - <http://www.westmonster.com/>

UKIP Vids: www.youtube.com/user/ukipofficial

Support4thefamily: www.support4thefamily.org

Working hard to achieve Brexit: www.lawyersforbritain.org

Diary

Thursdays 1st February & 1st March 2018 – 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. UKIP Shop available 1st Feb only. Info: John Baxter – john@ukipdorsetnorth.org.uk or 01202 897 884.



Tuesday 6th February 2018 - 7 to 8.30pm – 'Make Votes Matter' Open Meeting re Proportional Representation:

Cross Party forum to formulate ideas for MVM's next actions. Venue is the East Cliff United Reform Church, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth, BH8 8AW. Contact john@ukipdorsetnorth.org.uk if you would like to have input or want for any further details.



Tuesdays 6th February & 6th March 2018 – 7.30pm – Bridport – Dorset West Monthly Meeting:

Our regular event at the Lord Nelson Hotel, 52 East Street, Bridport, DT6 3LL next to the car park. If needed details available from Graham Brant 07812 710 713 or alison@hansford7044.fsnet.co.uk



Monday 12th February 2018 - 7.30 pm - Gloucestershire UKIP meeting in Gloucester:

Speakers **Bill Etheridge & Ben Walker**. Venue Fountain Inn, Westgate Street, Gloucester GL1 2NW. All branches welcome. Further info from Richard Ford, Chairman, UKIP Gloucestershire, 07577 461342.



Friday 16th February 2018 – 7pm – Bill Etheridge in Longham: [N.B. NEW DATE & VENUE]

Christchurch Branch are organising a meeting with **Bill Etheridge MEP**, former UKIP Spokesman for Sport, who will be speaking on UKIP's relevance. There will be a Question & Answer session. The new venue is the Bluebird Club, 4 Ham Lane [opp. Haskins Garden Centre], Longham, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9DP. This event may be affected by the EGM so contact susanlaidlaw@aol.com for the latest information.



Saturday 17th February 2018 – 12.30pm for 1.15pm – UKIP National EGM:

Called to discuss and resolve the leadership issue. Venue will be the International Convention Centre (ICC), Broad St, Birmingham, B1 2EA. Register and get access to the hall from 12:30pm, the meeting will start at 1:15pm. Essential to register in advance on-line at www.myukip.com/egm-2018.html [you need your membership number]. 25% discount on Virgin Train tickets available – all details will come to you by post by 2nd February. The meeting should not exceed 2 hours.

Wednesday 21st February 2018 - 7.30pm – Christchurch Branch Convivial Evening:

Our Convivial evening will take place at the Pure Drop Inn, 457 Wimborne Road East, Ferndown, BH22 9NA, where we will once again meet up for a relaxed evening of food [optional], drink and a



chat. It's a great opportunity to stay in touch and, as always, there will be much to talk about. Contact Chris 01425 511 167, chrisgrace65a@gmail.com or just come along and bring a friend.

Saturday 3rd March & 5th May 2018 – 11am - Coffee with Mid Dorset & North Poole:

This popular bimonthly event continues at The Holme Bush Inn, Old Wareham Road, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne BH21 3RZ. Meet Dave Evans and others from Mid Dorset & N. Poole, in the pub room, for a coffee, drink or food. First Saturday, alternate months. Contact by email: y16evanshome28@yahoo.com



N. WILTS & CHIPPENHAM BRANCH

Pub night -The Wellesley Arms, Sutton Benger, Nr Chippenham, Wiltshire - 7pm. Check next date: pandmcarter@btinternet.com

WEST DORSET Regular Meetings

Before attending please check details with Graham Brant at 07812 710713

Bridport: 1st Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm, Lord Nelson Hotel, 52 East Street, Bridport, DT6 3LL next to car park.

Details from Keith Hansford alison@hansford7044.fsnet.co.uk

Dorchester: For meeting information please contact Geoff Markham geoffmarkham@hotmail.co.uk.

EAST DEVON BRANCH

1st Tuesday of the month optional lunch followed by meeting at 2pm with occasional guest speaker at the Dog & Donkey, 24 Knowle Village, Knowle, Budleigh, Salterton, EX9 6AL [Not Knowle, Sidmouth] on B3179. Park at the village hall. Contact: Brigitte Graham 01395 443 030 [evenings] or email brigittegraham@gmail.com

TORBAY BRANCH

2nd Thursday of the month at the Livermead House Hotel, Seafront, Torquay TQ2 6QJ at 7.30pm - Members and accompanied guests only.
Contact: Anthony Rayner Tel. 07763348151 apropos_@hotmail.com

WELLS BRANCH

On the last Monday of every month in the rear downstairs room at The Kings Head, 36 High Street, Wells, Somerset, BA5 2SG. 7pm – 10.30pm. Contact Wyn Thomas at

gbthomas@ukonline.co.uk

CHELTENHAM BRANCH

Coffee Morning on the 2nd Saturday of the month
For this month's venue - Alan Stone
Tel. 01242 515 439

South West Members of the European Parliament

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Other Links

UKIP South West webpage: www.ukipsouthwest.org.uk

UKIP Videos: <http://alturl.com/ai48m>

The European Group of which UKIP is the largest member EFD² <http://www.efdgroupp.eu>

Between 16 & 35? South West Young Independence - YI SW Chairman: **Dan Evans: danlufan@gmail.com**

YI Website: <http://www.youngindependence.org.uk> UK/Dorset OUT website: www.dorsetout.com

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