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**A Happy New Year to all our readers! Hope you have had a super Christmas and are now totally fortified for the fight ahead!**

In this rather full issue of our newsletter, you will be pleased to discover that there will be no longer any cold calling in the South West from UKIP fundraisers at the Ashford centre. Although a useful source of income for the cash-strapped UKIP, it was considered too annoying to members. Perhaps this is a cue for more voluntary donations from members, however great or small, when they have a few pounds to spare??

Our own Dorset North website is in the process of being created and should be up and running soon. If you have any contributions or suggestions for it please let the committee have them at any time for consideration. After all, it will be there for your benefit.

A lot has happened on the EU front since our last newsletter and I list some points of interest here:-

On the 30th of November it was confirmed in the EU's parliament, that the European Court of Justice (ECJ) had ruled that the EU could force member-governments to impose criminal penalties on their own territories, for breaches of EU-law. In plain language this means that British courts will have to apply EU-law and any penalties set by Brussels without approval from Westminster. In practice, though something may be lawful in a member-country it could still be a 'crime' somewhere else in the European Union and British Subjects could be arrested and extradited to any other country for an 'EU' offence. One of our hard working MEPs, Gerard Batten told the Parliament, "Not since the time of Henry VIII, has any power other than the British Crown, possessed the right to create criminal offences in Britain, and set penalties for breaking them." Previously (in theory), the 80% of our laws which now emanate from Brussels had to have Westminster's consent. What this judgement means is Westminster is now a complete irrelevance except to rubber stamp direct rule by the EU. - **Incidentally, former Europe Minister Dennis McShane said this week that it was "an urban myth" to suggest that Britain's laws were decided by Europe. Denial and deceit are obviously still rampant in our domestic government. How do they sleep at night?**

"From 2009 another European Union ruling will add an extra topping to the creeping metrification that the customer didn't order. Pizza Stores across the UK will have to adopt metric sizes, creating chaos amongst pizza lovers across the nation. No longer will they sample the delights of the 16in New Yorker, but have to make do with the 40.64 cm Luxemburger. Size is everything and when we gave them an inch they took another slice." [Thanks to Bournemouth West.]

Tony Blair would seem to have been a total failure as his presidency of the EU comes to an end. All he has achieved is a considerable worsening of the British position – 3350 new legal regulations inflicted upon us during his reign, and not even one tiny little reform of CAP. Vastly increased financial contributions were demanded and handed over to Brussels, some of it going straight down the drains! – Polish drains to be exact. We are paying to rebuild them.

**The E.U.'s Court of Auditors has admitted that £400 billion has not been accounted for and never will be. Some black hole. It is a disgrace when hospitals are closing wards and cancelling operations due to lack of funds.**

The EU has now passed legislation giving the barbed-wire circle flag the same legal status as nation flags. Therefore it may now be flown freely by council offices etc. This comes just days after the Red Ensign flown by our Merchant Navy can be 'voluntarily' be replaced by the barbed-wire circle so that our shipping can be more easily identified as 'friendly' shipping. Apparently, this measure is designed to encourage ex-European shipping now under Moroccan and Libyan registration to return to the EU who would then be operating a common registration system with dual flags – the barbed wire circle and their national flag. Unlikely, to my way of thinking! No doubt 1st step to abandonment of the national flag.

An interesting item on the early morning news and BBC website that you may have seen - The most powerful man in the UK is .... Jose Manuel Barroso, EU commission President. According to a BBC Poll "Who Runs Britain", the Spanish Barroso achieved 22% - Blair came 7<sup>th</sup> with 7%. Is the penny dropping?

Many years ago, I remember that governments used to have problems keeping the balance of payments. One government would spend and borrow, the next would rein in the budget to balance things. So the question arises now, "How can the government balance the books and give billions every year to the EU?" Well, since Labour came to power the amount of tax in all forms that the average person pays has gone from 25% of their income to 50%. And

that, I feel, is just a beginning. A family is now paying £60 a week to fund the EU dream. Is that why we seem to be in an unofficial recession?

The Austrian President of the EU has promised to introduce many anti British regulations in his 6-month watch. The Opt-out from the Working time directive is likely to be scrapped, causing the 3.6 million British people to be unable to work voluntarily more than 48 hours a week, thus threatening their homes and family life as their mortgages become unsustainable. Also likely to be introduced is an European Tax [implemented later] and further political integration. Some GM foods are also likely to be marketed as 'organic' thus undermining the organic market.

In our last newsletter I asked whether anyone could give me a reason why the UK should enter/remain in the EU. One person stated that it was to counter the increasing threat of China. Possibly an argument for an European trading alliance? My answer was on the line of "Would making ourselves uncompetitive make us a fit competitor?"

Did you know? There are UKIP branches in Australia and Thailand.

Official immigration figures rose by about 580,000 in 2004, however 360,000 jumped ship, so we saw a net 223,000 migrate to Britain. Migrationwatch claim the net figure to be 342,000. Official estimates state that the approximate current UK population is 60,000,000 but that this should rise to 67,000,000 by 2031. No wonder the south of Britain is to be totally built on – the immigrants won't want to live in the cold north!

On a more local level:-

### **Can anyone help in the following way?**

Collecting Signatures the Easy Way. You might like to know of a suggested easier way to collect signatures for the "Let the people decide" petition.

For this to work you need a few things:-

A display poster [available from the chairman] - an A4 Perspex upright document display to hold the poster [Staples have cheap ones & the chairman has one or two] - a supply of the newer petition forms which can be downloaded from the site here: <http://www.letthepopledecide.co.uk/download.htm> [or from the chairman] - a clipboard with an attached pen for holding and filling in the forms [not available from the chairman!]. Lastly, (most important) a friendly shop - (newsagents are ideal) which will let you put the display somewhere handy. Then all you have to do is collect and replace the forms every few days. If you can help in this way please let a committee member know so he can assist you if necessary. A similar setup can be used in carboot sales etc. Many more signatures are needed. We are aiming for 2 million nationally.

Also on the subject of the Petition, now Christmas is over, the nights are drawing out and weather improving [well, soon I hope!!] it is time to encourage the petition again. Current plans are that it will be given to the Queen when completed. I have not heard of a closing date, but I would suggest we consider Easter as a target date until we hear otherwise. Please contact the Chairman for your supply.

**Please note that the revised date for the South West Rally is now Saturday March 25th. We have booked the Great Hall at Exeter University and it is vital that we get 500 people there just to break-even. Please clear your diary and try to make it. A good opportunity to meet the new Party Chairman David Campbell Bannerman, great nephew of Sir Henry, the Liberal statesman.**

We purchased an Electric Typewriter some years ago which now, in the age of computers appears to be surplus to our present requirements. We are looking for a new home for it either by way of sale or loan, the latter if used to further the UKIP cause. It is currently awaiting collection in Sturminster Newton.

Our First-Thursdays are becoming more popular and would seem to be enjoyable and informative. I would like to emphasise that the evening is designed to be informal and freeform. In other words, come when you want, leave when you like, no speeches, no voting, enjoy a chat, a drink or something to eat. One or two committee members should be around for most of the time, and can help to arrange transport if needed. There should be someone there after 7pm although 8pm is a safer time! We find a spot in the main bar lounge and have found the rear uncarpeted section furthest from the front door to be suitable and more private. So do please come along and join the throng!

Finally, our stalwart committee member Eric Styles has decided to stand down. Formally our secretary, Eric has been invaluable to UKIP and successive committees. We wish him well in his retirement. That leads to another point – Have we any volunteers to serve on the committee in any capacity? Please ring the chairman if you feel you would like to contribute to the smooth running of the branch. The more the merrier!

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