



# UK Independence Party

*It's Time We Governed Ourselves*

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I should apologise. After all it is the trendy thing to do! You have received this newsletter after the first of the month. There is a reason. I needed to wait until all our district council candidates have completed their forms and had their nominations validated by the Registrar of Electors in Furzehill and Norden. As the closing date is the 4<sup>th</sup> April it made things difficult to be prompt with the newsletter. So I am not going to apologise! An explanation instead! I'm not going to be pc or trendy!

Well, we seem to be going from strength to strength at the March First-Thursdays. March was our biggest turnout yet – 23 we counted! With Malcolm and Jenny from Salisbury that makes five branches represented! Well done all. We are hoping for more next time as Bournemouth West will perhaps be joining us in larger numbers as well as the Poole, North Poole and mid-Dorset branches. We are in danger of outgrowing our venue, but maybe with summer holidays etc approaching numbers may fall off a bit. The Pub has plenty of room outside as well as quite a large bar area we have not yet colonised!

Main topic of conversation was of course the fast approaching Council Elections on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Procedures and information was freely exchanged as prospective candidates and helpers pooled knowledge and experiences so far. It is quite a steep learning curve for those [all?] who have not done this sort of thing before. Paperwork to be filled in correctly and timetables to be observed, what is allowed and what isn't, best practise in obtaining signatures etc.

One item I should perhaps correct or clarify from the issue of the last newsletter refers to the practise of paying to deliver election material for candidates. By law this can not be done except through professional specialist companies, but the leaflets not connected to the election can be delivered that way in wards where we have no candidates. Hope that is now clear to all, my apologies if I got anyone's hopes up!

**Please note that anything delivered between 27<sup>th</sup> March and 3<sup>rd</sup> May [i.e. NOW ] in wards where we ARE fielding a candidate has to have the official imprint upon it; that is, wording showing who printed and published them, with their addresses . I think you will find the Immigration and Local Issues leaflets in the envelopes are now deemed acceptable. As a candidate is likely to be disqualified if non-imprinted leaflets are delivered we have to be doubly sure about such things. The early copies of the 2007 Local Manifesto are not imprinted but those that are now available are.**

Have you made contact with your local candidate yet? No? Not surprising as we have not told you who they are! We have been a bit reticent to name names until their nominations have been accepted. There have been some changes to the original plans, and now hope this is the definitive list! So here goes.

Our candidates are as follows:

<b>Alderholt:</b> Annette Hurst;	<b>Blandford Station:</b> Clive Brickell;	<b>Colehill West:</b> Alan Haines;
<b>Colehill East:</b> John Myers and Ken Dacombe;	<b>Longham:</b> John Baxter;	<b>Marnhull:</b> Patricia Gill;
<b>Motcombe &amp; Ham:</b> John Lavender;	<b>Riversdale:</b> Geoffrey Lambert ;	<b>Staplehill:</b> David Baxter;
<b>Stour Valley:</b> Alan Kewley;	<b>Wimborne Minster:</b> Jeffery Markley;	<b>Wyke:</b> John Symons.

We wish good luck to all of them and as much success as they wish!

**We would like to thank all the members [and non-members] who have taken the trouble to sign the assenters forms to make it possible for our candidates to stand.**

**We can confirm that ordinary leafleting can continue in wards that we are not contesting in these elections. Next target area is Shaftesbury, followed by Blandford Forum. Both have been somewhat neglected by us to date. Therefore we have achieved very little interest there at present so a thorough series of leafleting should start the ball rolling and do the trick for the next elections. So no time to put the old feet up just yet!**

**We probably don't need to remind you that if you are unable to get to the polling stations on May 3<sup>rd</sup> either to request transport from us or arrange a postal vote now through either the Council at Norden, Blandford Forum [North Dorset wards] or Furzehill, Wimborne [East Dorset Wards].**

The recent TV evening at Greenacres was enjoyed by a select few; Nigel Farage's speech in the EUP celebrating the end of the non-event called Tony Blair's 6 months Presidency of the EU being particularly popular causing hoots of laughter and encores! The Andrew Neal interview also showed our leader at his formidable best.

So on to other things. So much to choose from this time and so little time and space!

As I write, the damp squid called the celebrations on the **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the signing of the **Treaty of Rome** are taking place. Kim Wilde leads a pop concert in Brussels, Luxembourgers are going for a 5 mile walk [!], Cyprus has an open day in their EU office [wow – must go to that!], Spain are building a jigsaw puzzle, France has made a TV film called ‘How we hate each other’ [love that title!], Denmark are giving away free buns, Czechs are running a half-marathon [have they had to give the other half to the EU?] and The Netherlands and Ireland are more usefully attending Churches [ to pray for deliverance and forgiveness?], the Swedes an EU seminar, and other are doing all sorts of exciting things! Fortunately I can’t find anything happening in the UK – perhaps we don’t exist anymore! None of these celebrations instil any sort of pride in me, nor show any originality of thought amongst the new ruling class. Nothing to make me think how wonderful the EU is! Oh – I have remembered what is happening in the UK :- New propaganda books for our school children. Give me independence any day – who will rid me of these leaders?

I was happy to see that 150 national **police** officers from Italy, Belgium, France and Luxembourg have **raided** the homes of European Commission officials, banks, companies and an office of a Member of the European Parliament as part of a three-year probe into contracts for the building of EU embassies across the globe. Better still they have made three arrests on bribery and forgery charges. Apparently two Italian MEPs are involved. Shows what excellent calibre of talent the EU has attracted to their higher echelons! I wonder if they will be held for six months and then further instalments of 3 months ad infinitum? We can but hope – but don’t hold your breath. However more arrests are expected at any time. [Can we supply them with a list of names?]

This last item makes me think that isn’t it fortunate that we still the British system of law in place? With the Alan Bown affair pending we might have been a bod or two short prior to the elections!

This week, MEPs were facing a vote to make the flying of the **EU flag** and singing of the **EU anthem compulsory** in European football championships. However, this could cause offence to any non-EU countries that have clubs competing in the Champions League as well as next year's European Championships, hosted by Austria and non-EU Switzerland. Says UKIP MEP Geoffrey Bloom: *"This is Euro nationalism at its most arrogant. Maybe these fools in Brussels want to annoy the hosts, or do they not know what they are doing?"* However after UKIP campaigned against this, the amendment containing it was withdrawn. Well done our MEPs and their staff.

**Links online:** The first is only for the broad-minded:

Penn and Teller on Slavery Compensation: [http://www.ukip.tv/?page\\_id=3](http://www.ukip.tv/?page_id=3) [apologies for the bad language].

No bad language on the second: Website of author Lindsay Jenkins: <http://www.lindsayjenkins.com>

Part of Nigel Farage’s recent QuestionTime success: [http://www.ukip.tv/?page\\_id=2](http://www.ukip.tv/?page_id=2)

A second glimmer of common sense from the EU! It is regarding the scandalous fishing laws [CFP] that are decimating fish stocks especially around the UK. Apparently the moronic practice of dumping overboard billions of tons of dead mis-caught fish is to cease. The change comes after an admission that EU fishing policy was doing more damage than good among the fragile stocks of the North Atlantic. It is not clear as to what will happen to this bonus catch. It may possibly be included in the existing quotas the fishermen can land Don’t expect it will stop the awful vacuuming of the seabed which is doing so much damage to the food chain, river stocks and of course the seabed itself.

Lord Tebbit recently said in a statement: "From being a supporter of British membership of the Common Market in 1970 I have come to believe that the United Kingdom would be Better Off Out of the developing European Republic of the 21st Century. We British have a thousand-year history of self government. We have been free and democratic longer than any other nation. The European Union is too diverse, too bureaucratic, too corporatist and too centralist to be a functioning democracy," he said. We commend his common sense and hope he will soon come aboard and keep our two Peers company. If he did, I am sure the Tories would abandon their leader ~~Blair~~ Cameron in a flash, and life would get very interesting in UKIP. An example of his individual style of oratory: On the subject of the reform of the House of Lords: **“My Lords, would it not be a good idea if the Chairman of Committees and all Members resisted the mad idea of this House being dragged into this century? It is a very disagreeable century. Would it not be a better idea to drag us back perhaps into the 19th century, which in many ways was a very much better one for this country?”** November 2005.



If you are into **figures**, this might be of interest: The figures are from the independent Electoral Commission. In a news release from November 2006, they revealed the annual loans, mortgages and credit facilities of British political parties: **Conservative Party** (£35,315,060)..**Labour Party** (£23,390,992)..**Lib Dem** (£1,131,277).In sharp contrast was **UKIP**, the 4th biggest party, with a mere £19,200. No wonder the 3 want the taxpayers to fund election expenses.

In addition to the information to be accumulated on the ID cards, Labour are to collect and **store lifestyle information** on households across the country as part of its council tax re-banding scheme. 287 items are to be recorded and may result in targeted price rises. Included in their intrusive investigation are: Where you holiday; what pets you have; how much you earn; even whether you do crosswords or use a dating agency; marital status; children's details; details of private pension plans, charity donations, political membership, illnesses and hobbies; who is a vegetarian, has central heating, and what newspapers are read. The source of all this information? Medical records and census entries, plus information will be gleaned from inspectors who can enter and photograph the interior your home, and from your supermarket loyalty cards. Presumably if you lead a relatively prosperous lifestyle you will pay more council tax. Is it time to cut up your Nectar and Tesco cards and also to pay cash for your shopping? What relevance does this have to property values? It certainly raises security questions – how easy would it be for a burglar to view these photos and as the inspectors are new to responsibility, what connections do they have?

One of our EU contacts has found that certain **new dictats** will be put into operation before the end of the year: The national anthem will be changed to Deutschland Deutschland Uber Alles; There will be a Europe-wide football team, with token players from each member country (a single UK player will be rotated between England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland); Dad's Army will be banned; All British men over the age of 18 will be forced to wear a beret and a string of garlic; Everyone will have to speak French or German in public. Tea will be declared an illegal substance; "Honestly, it's really true!" said von Klinkerhoffen, as he was shushed by his EU cronies. From our special correspondent in Brussels, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007.\*

Our **Annual General Meeting** is due soon. Full details on a separate flyer arriving soon on your doormat. Please try to attend. We do need Officers in most positions in the committee or if you have special skills that would be useful to us or help us in any way now is your chance. R.S.V.P to the local Greenacres address at the foot of this newsletter.

**“We do not intend to be merged in a European federal system” Sir Winston Spencer Churchill.**

**St Georges Day - 23rd April 2007**



The life of England's patron saint, shrouded in legend, is celebrated each year in the historic town of Salisbury with street theatre, pageantry, dancing, wandering minstrels and ferocious dragons! Salisbury boasts numerous references to St George in and around the city, including The Old George Mall, the George and Dragon pub and Gilbert the Dragon - a flower dragon who comes out in the summer months. Salisbury Cathedral bears a statue of St George with a dragon's head, and he is even depicted in one of the cathedral's stained glass windows.

**This year's celebrations are actually being held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.**

**‘I look forward to the day when the Westminster Parliament is just a council chamber in Europe.’ Kenneth Clarke**

I watched **QuestionTime** on BBC1 on the 29<sup>th</sup> March and was extremely impressed with Nigel Farage's performance. He, perhaps rather tellingly, appeared to be accepted by his fellow panellists as a seasoned campaigner. There was virtually no attempt to belittle him or UKIP, even by the host. More important must be that every time he spoke he received excellent support and responses from the audience which was made up from the people of Bath. A thoroughly first class outing in every way. No nutty fringe party member he! Rumours of Lib-Dem defectors abound.

### **A quick look at some newspapers:**

The *Independent* states that David Cameron has appealed to Liberal Democrat supporters to help him oust Labour from power and has declared that Gordon Brown cannot be trusted any more than Tony Blair. The Tory leader, who is sending personal letters to 140,000 people who voted Liberal Democrat at the last general election [**living proof of how confidential our voting system is**], highlighted the common ground between the two main opposition parties in a speech yesterday. Preparation for a Lib-Con pact in a hung parliament?

*Le Figaro* reports that a new poll by TNS-Sofres for Barclays Private Equity has found that 54% of European business leaders think the UK is the best fiscal environment, compared with 14% for Germany and 13% for France.

In the *Mail* Andrew Alexander notes that our EU-wide poll found a majority of voters across Europe want to take powers back from the EU and that most people in the Eurozone want their old currencies back.

*Press Association* reports that MEPs called yesterday for European-wide rules governing professional football - from stadium security and television rights to financial management and the training of young talent. A report published by Belgian centre-right MEP Ivo Belet said that although the EU had no law-making authority on football, the EU treaties nonetheless contain "a wide array of instruments to serve such a plan".

According to the *Mail*: "MPs awarded themselves an extra £6.5 million of taxpayers' money recently to fund what was condemned as their own 'shameless self-promotion'. Every MP will be entitled to claim an extra £10,000 a year in expenses to 'communicate' with their constituents. But in fact the money will allow politicians to pay for letters and glossy campaign leaflets at the General Election giving sitting MPs an advantage over opposing candidates. Labour should benefit most from this because it has more MPs."

I'm afraid that is it for another month – See you in Charlton Marshall.

Just a double reminder about the First-Thursdays in May – Now May 10<sup>th</sup> not the 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the election.

**FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**In our Constituency:**

**REGULAR EVENTS**

**Thursday 5th April at 7.30pm on:** Branch Library available at this meeting.

First-Thursdays evening in the Charlton Inn, Bournemouth Road, **Charlton Marshall**. Dine, Drink Chat! Do one or all three! Call John Baxter for further details if needed on 01202 897884. All are welcome – members and their guests, from other branches or prospective members.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May:** In your ward, I hope, an opportunity to vote for UKIP in the District Council Elections – Don't you dare forget! Organise postal or proxy votes now.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May:** approximately noon/early p.m. : Results of yesterday's council elections. Want to attend? Ask your local candidate or JLB by mid April to make you a Count Agent. Norden in Blandford Forum for the North Dorset wards, Allendale Centre in Wimborne Minster for the East Dorset wards. Results expected to be on the council website: [www.dorsetforyou.com](http://www.dorsetforyou.com)

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm on:** Branch Library available at this meeting. A postponed First-Thursdays evening due to the election. Details as before.

**In neighbouring constituencies:**

**REGULAR EVENTS**

**WELLS BRANCH**

UKIP Wells Constituency Association has a regular meeting on the **last Monday of every month** in the downstairs room at the back of the Kings Head Pub, High Street, **Wells**, Somerset.

**SALISBURY BRANCH**

Every **4th Wednesday of the month** UKIP **Salisbury** branch have a lunch social. Contact David Dickenson on 01722 324146

**EAST DEVON BRANCH**

Come and have lunch with UKIP in **East Devon** the **first Tuesday of every month** at the Maltsters' Arms, Woodbury, Devon. Telephone John Kelly on 01395 276130.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Saturday 14th of April 2007 - SOUTHWEST SPRING RALLY AND LOCAL ELECTION LAUNCH**



An all day event in the Great Hall, Exeter University, **Exeter** with Willoughby de Broke, Prof Tim Congden, Lindsay Jenkins & Nigel Farage. Contact Jenny Wood, tel. 01722 744814/Fax 01722 741412. Need transport? See JLB. We ask as many Candidates as poss. to attend. If you are going and have a spare place or two in your car, can you please also let JLB know so he can try to fill them with non-driving members from your area.

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“To achieve world government it is necessary to remove from the minds of men their individuality, their loyalty to family traditions, and their national identity.” Brock Chisholm – UN World Health Organisation.

\*Item regarding new dictats: with thanks to our special correspondent in Brussels, namely [www.TheSpooof.com](http://www.TheSpooof.com)