



UK Independence Party

It's Time We Governed Ourselves

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Well – the **elections** are over and our shoes have been resoled and heeled! The blisters have healed! Was it worth all the work? Clearly a resounding “Yes”. Nobody elected in our patch but everyone did reasonably well, and some did very well indeed.

The important thing was that in 13 wards in Dorset North electors had a UKIP option, and many made use of this new phenomenon. Our message went out in fair detail to a lot of homes and made people think, and realise that there is another way other than the big three.

In Dorset North, where we stood we confirmed our status as third party in the UK, and knocked Labour – the ruling party – into a sad fourth place. Obviously we have much to do to get elected, but we have now laid the seeds that hopefully will germinate and produce a healthy return next time. We have to keep the momentum going, encourage membership and awake the parts that we have so far failed to reach. If the results are representative across the whole Parliamentary seat, we would have increased on our last General Election performance considerably, so UKIP is definitely on the up. Leafleting and personal contact with the electorate proved to be invaluable. Can we wish for at least a doubling of the vote next time? We also of course need to increase the number of candidates in order to cover areas left unrepresented this time. We will come back to this point later in this newsletter.

In case you have not found out the results from the press or your computers, those for the Dorset North wards are to be found on the supplement included with this newsletter. It is perhaps interesting to note how representative our government is of its people. UKIP managed 1,546 votes in the 13 wards in which it stood, Labour reached the dizzy heights of 146!

Congratulations to all concerned, especially the candidates for their courage! I hesitate to single anyone out but I think I should mention Clive Brickell who achieved a second place in Blandford Station. Excellent.



The only remaining function yet to be carried out is the return of expenses to the Electoral Commission. **All** candidates have to complete one of these, even those who feel they have nothing to show. All had a rosette so no-one should be returning a nil return. The forms must be returned to arrive by the 8th June. If you have not done so contact JLB straight away to confirm what to show. It is illegal not to make this return. You should have received a copy of the form in the post direct from the Council.

At the First Thursday meeting on the 10th May I was asked how our **Calne** friends fared in the election. Not knowing, I researched this and the results are as follows:

Town Council: 5 were elected: John Ireland, Jill Martin, David Short, Mercy Baggs & David Bland. There are now also 6 Lib-Dems and 8 Conservatives in this council. The County Council picture is very different: 6 Conservatives, 1 Lib-Dem being elected. Overall in North Wiltshire the picture in their 35 wards is as follows:- Prior to election: 1 Labour; 22 Lib-Dems; 24 Conservative; 4 Independent; 2 UKIP. Post election:- 1 Labour; 14 Lib-Dem; 39 Conservatives; UKIP 0. So the Lib-Dems caught a cold, the Tories prospered and UKIP's fortunes varied.

The meeting in the **Charlton Inn** again proved popular with 24 names on the attendance sheet despite the very inclement weather and roadworks. Mixed in with our stalwart regulars were several new faces – not all Ukipers, and we wish them welcome, as indeed we do to all our new members who have joined in the last few months.

Considerable analysis of the recent elections ensued. From 4.6% to 17%, our average showing being 10.36% means a swing to UKIP of 10.36%!!!

An interesting thing said by many candidates: “I wish I had delivered more leaflets in my ward and also knocked on a few more doors.” All seem to have enjoyed the experience and indicated their wish to stand again next time round. May this be interpreted as an encouragement to others to stand with us next time? We stood in 13 wards in Dorset North, out of a total of 38. That means that two thirds of Dorset North were unable to vote for UKIP, that's about 46,000 people. We really must put this right next time round. Leafleting must be carried out repeatedly in areas such as Blandford, Shaftesbury and Wimborne, Iwerne Minster - all previously seriously under canvassed. This will hopefully translate into more responders and then more members, then hopefully more candidates. With more candidates comes more interest, more responders, more members, more voters and ultimately more successful council candidates. This in turn increases the party vote in the General and European elections and who knows where we go from there.

On the subject of elections, memories seemed a little confused as to the dates of **General and European elections**. I can confirm that the last General Election was held on the 5th May 2005, and the last EU Election took place on the 10th

June 2004. The next EU election is thus due in 2009. The General Election can be called at any time up to five years after the last, at the discretion of the then government. Some expected a snap election when Blair leaves power, but Labour's poor showing in the recent Council elections will surely put pay to that. Whether they will carry on and run them on the same day as the EU elections, or call the General Election earlier or even later is a matter of speculation and only for Prime Minister Brown or who is pulling his strings to know. Incidentally, in the last General Election UKIP came fourth in terms of votes cast out of an incredible 66 parties! We managed 2.2% of the votes, ahead of the SNP, Greens and BNP.

From time to time I receive letters etc from members on a variety of topics, but none so original as this. So I am happy to reproduce it in full for all to see and contemplate. Thank you to Henry Stevens in Alderholt for producing this emotive poem with his own illustrations. I know it is not an anniversary of the Battle of Britain but the subject matter is still fresh in many minds, and should remind us all of the Battle for Britain that we are currently fighting, and the debt we owe to those who went before us. It is our responsibility to ensure that they did not die or suffer in vain.

Away from these elections we have had some of our own. The Dorset North AGM was held in Pimperne on the 19th May with Malcolm Wood kindly being Guest of Honour. The new venue of Pimperne Village Hall proved to be very popular with the increased number attending, and ideal in all ways. It was full of natural light, on the level, with a well equipped kitchen, comfortable seating, loads of tables and it came with more than adequate free parking – virtually all features missing from our previous hall in Blandford Forum.

The committee, for their sins, was re-elected to serve for another 12 months, with the same officers. Regrettably no-one else came forward to share the load and responsibility. New blood on the committee will be essential for the branch to continue and to prosper. So please think seriously about this so that next year we can have three or four new faces on the committee – and we don't have to wait that long; new committee members can be co-opted at any time of the year.

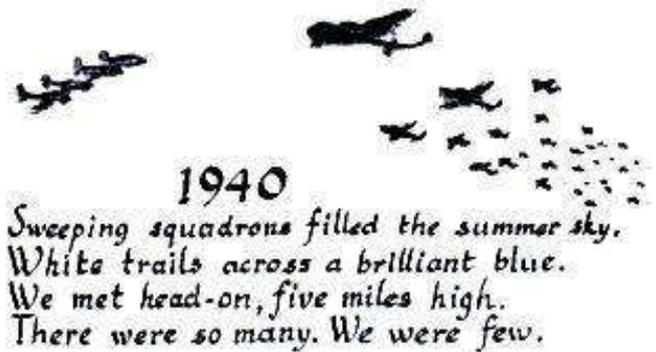
At the AGM we were informed that the finances were sound, although we do need to build up funds for the European and General Elections whenever they are. To this aim we hope to introduce a simple system of Standing Orders that could be used by members to donate a small sum monthly to the branch funds. That way we should become more solvent and put on a better show at elections. More of this next time.

"The greatest of all mistakes is to do nothing because you can only do a little. Do what you can." Sydney Smith

The official membership of our branch has risen from 59 last year to 82 and hopefully this trend will continue as the new leaflets are delivered to areas as yet unvisited. Mention was also made of the success of the First-Thursdays and the [usually] monthly newsletters sent out to members. Various events have taken place throughout the year – The Gawain Towler evening and the Graham Booth Bonfire [Nov 5th] evening both held at Greenacres, and the Maunsel House Garden Party held last summer where we heard the inspirational Sir Richard Body. As well as these other branches held various meetings, and coupled with the Telford Conference and the Exeter Rally, members had virtually no excuse not to meet and hear national figures speak encouragingly of UKIP and its aims.

The AGM also gave members the opportunity to see merchandise and library books held within the branch, as well as some reference items. The splendid teas and coffees and cakes etc served by Susie Baxter also helped refresh the attendees. Our guest speaker Malcolm Wood discussed many topics including legal matters, the elections, the one party state in which we live, the necessity of a referendum and what difference Mr Brown might make to the EU scene!

What is the use of living if it be not to strive for noble causes and to make this muddled world a better place for those who will live in it after we are gone? -- Winston Churchill



Went the day well? We died and never knew
But well or ill, Freedom, we died for you
And left the vivid air signed with our honour.
And now, do you remember us
They called 'The Few'?

We need to know that we are not alone,
That here and now our sacrifice is known
And we are not forgotten.
Ye who live on mid English pastures green,
Remember us and think what might have been.



Very briefly, away from our branch:

Some figures recently produced show the number of East European **immigrants** in the various towns and cities of the UK. In our area, Bournemouth appears to be the largest with 2,037 since 2004 [1.3% of the town's population] and 1,506 in Poole [1.1%], and those are just the ones who have registered to work. The figure is 37,098 in the South West, and London has the benefit of 79,100, which is also 1.1% of their population. The number of immigrants from Bulgaria and Romania is currently averaging 50,000 a month since accession in January. There are believed to be over 400,000 from Poland alone in the UK. Total official East European numbers now exceed 680,000 although many many more evade the official statistics. To remind you, The Home Office predicted that 13,000 people a year would come to live in Britain from Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia [a total that should now be about 40,000!].

Aren't we delighted to see the last of **Tony Blair**? We waited with bated breath to see who the next EU Scottish yes-man would be, as if it would make much difference. We now have Gordon Brown, who has convincingly ruined the financial state of the country, as nearly everyone especially pensioners can testify. History should be unpleasant upon the departing creature, unless of course it is written by some EU spinner. We await to see whether Blair really will sign the rest of the country away with the "treaty" in June. No doubt, as usual, a few miniscule concessions will be wrought from a complaining commission, and a wonderful opportunity to shun the EU will be lost.

Minor **Metric** success at the beginning of May. Imperial measurements will no longer be totally outlawed. However it will still be a crime to sell anything in gallons, pounds, ounces, feet, yards or inches. These measurements may only be used along side metric for clarification and tradesmen may not sell anything that is not metric. The only exception is the humble pint – they still can't face the wrath of the British man in the pub, but as those die off then so will the pint. Am I being cynical that this should be announced a few weeks prior to the Constitution [whoops, sorry "The Treaty"] that Blair is about to sign? Consider that also by this time most businesses have deleted imperial measurements from their packaging and information sheets, & catalogues. How many will wish to cover the expense of reintroducing them now?

Please sign up to this petition and pass it on. Illegal immigrants & EU scroungers get treated far better than these brave men who fought beside us. <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/gurkhas-rights/>

With the usual minimum of discussion the Department of Justice came into force on the 8th May. This does not bring us into line with Europe by any chance does it?

With just three weeks before the decisive EU summit on ending the two-year **constitutional** deadlock, Poland is sticking to three demands – a new voting system, a clear list of exclusive national competencies and an energy solidarity clause - to be part of the deal. Shame our politicians do not stand up for our country in the same way.

*"I wonder whether we really want your style of **justice**, given that Mario Scaramella, who tried to warn Mr Litvinenko of what was going to happen to him, has now languished in an Italian jail for six months. The charges against him keep changing and he has not actually faced a court. If you are suggesting we give up common law and habeas corpus for that sort of European system, my answer to you is no, thank you very much indeed."* Nigel Farage to Prime Minister Prodi.

Links of the month:

James Whale talks to Nigel Farage on the Metric Martyr ruling and other recent issues:

http://www.ukip.tv/?page_id=5

An interesting selection of EU pamphlets, books Cds etc <http://www.junepress.com/books.asp?RNG=3>

A very quick look at some newspapers:

- *Financial Times* [This shows how out of touch our MPs really are]. A survey of MPs by the Industry and Parliamentary Trust has found that most MPs do not see red tape as an important issue affecting business. Only one in three of the MPs rated government-generated red tape as an important issue affecting business. Fewer than half - 41 per cent - ranked European Union regulation as important.
- A leader in the *Wall Street Journal* reports on the arguments over global warming that are taking place before the upcoming G8 summit. "Amid all the Euro sanctimony about global warming and carping about America's unwillingness to play along with their grand schemes, a few truths are inconvenient. The US is reducing emissions, without any need for caps. And on this score, America is outpacing Europe's jolly green giants."
- The *Financial Times* reports that the International VAT Association has warned Gordon Brown that fraudsters will find it easier to cover their tracks if Brussels adopts its so-called B2B proposal to simplify the VAT rules.
- *Le Figaro* reports that newly elected French Prime Minister Nicolas Sarkozy received Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi recently, who noted that the two have "very close" positions on the mini-Constitution. Prodi said he agreed with Sarkozy on the need for a permanent EU President, an EU Foreign Minister, and the extension of qualified majority voting, saying that they would push "in this direction" at the summit on 21 and 22 June.

- *The Daily Mail* states that despite Tony Blair's insistence last year that foreign criminals would start being automatically deported, EU legislation is stopping over 3,000 criminals from other EU countries from being sent home.
- *The Times* has said that UK farmers have called on the Government to relax immigration quotas to allow thousands more migrants from Romania and Bulgaria, and non-EU Eastern European states such as Ukraine, Albania and Moldova, to enter Britain to pick fruit and vegetables. A shortage of agricultural workers is threatening this summer's harvest

I hope you are able to get to see Nigel Farage in June in Christchurch. What a wonderful opportunity to see and speak to our leader. See the diary for fuller details. I'm afraid that is it for another month – See you in Charlton Marshall

Your Chairman sends his apologies that he will be unable to attend the 7th June 1st Thursday or the Hog Roast in Stanway House and hopes you will all support these events and thus more than make up for his absence!

FOR YOUR DIARY:

In our Constituency

Thursdays 7th June, 5th July and 2nd August at 7.30pm onwards:

Branch Library available at these meetings. First-Thursday 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, those from other branches or prospective members.**



Regular Events in neighbouring constituencies:

WELLS BRANCH

UKIP Wells Constituency Association meets regularly on the **last Monday of every month** in the downstairs room at the back of the Kings Head Pub, High Street, **Wells**, Somerset. Contact Wyn Thomas on 'gb.thomas@ukonline.co.uk'

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 9th June: Noon for 1pm start

Hog Roast and Summer Party at Stanway House, Stanway, Gloucestershire. GL54 5PQ, courtesy of Lord and Lady Neidpath.



£12 a ticket for a hog roast and pudding with a cash bar. Roger Knapman MEP, Guest Speaker. Wear your UKIP lapel badges!

Use of the ancient Tithe Barn in case of inclement weather.



See details of this superb and historic Jacobean Cotswold property on www.stanwayfountain.co.uk. Don't miss this opportunity – Contact Neil Warry – niall@warry.go-plus.net

CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH:

THURSDAY 28th JUNE at 7pm.

Your chance to meet the leader of UKIP Nigel Farage at an informal party at the Priory Hall, Princess Avenue, Christchurch. Tickets are just £7.50. Contact Jacqueline on 01202 861997 or David on 01202 552494 to book.



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