

Dorset North has now got the latest leaflets to deliver to new areas. 5000 have been prepared and another 2000 can be got ready if so required. So please contact John Baxter to receive your supply before he contacts you! We need to advertise that we have parliamentary candidates in place to fight the Westminster elections and also that the treaty is not in the interests of the people of the UK. Whether you can deliver 20, 200 or a 1000 please contact John Baxter now. The main areas we would like to cover this time are Blandford Forum, Wimborne, Alderholt and Shaftesbury. Thanks to those who came to Broadstone in January to help with the folding. A good crowd from four branches soon saw off the bulk of the 12,000 leaflets, which were distributed to the branches the same afternoon. All ready for YOU and me to put through the letterboxes of Dorset!



Additionally, you will have found, I hope, a small supply of **postcards** in this newsletter. Produced by the Campaign for a Referendum on the European Constitution [CREC], they are designed to be sent to the Queen, and have been modified from the ones available when the constitution originally was being railroaded through the various European parliaments in 2004. Please send one off and pass the others to friends and relatives to do likewise. I have a few more should you need a few more! Sorry to those receiving the newsletter by email. If you would like some just let us know and we will send you some.

Their Graham Wood has produced a very useful booklet [bulk price 75p] that you could keep and/or distribute perhaps with further copies to neighbours, friends, Europhiles etc., which aims to **simplify the Amending Treaty** [aka Constitution]. Entitled "What's The New E.U. Constitution All About? – Questions and Answers – A Plain Man's Guide". Not only simplifying the treaty, it explains many of the implications and is really required reading. If you would like one or more of these, let John Baxter know and he will order sufficient to make the most of bulk discounts. Once ordered, they should come within a very few days.

It was good to see our old friend **Paul Henke** [right] from UKIP Scotland on the Weakest Link in January. Author Paul attended two events in Bournemouth and Corfe Mullen in summer 2007 where he signed his books, donating a % to the respective branch funds [sadly not in Dorset North!]. He was unlucky to be the last to be voted off the programme despite the fact he was actually the strongest link in his last round. However he did get to plug his books clearly, and also get in a quip about Anne Robinson just starting out in life in the time when his historic novel was set! Also on Television, Salisbury Ukipper & PPC Frances Howard managed to speak forcefully on the Referendum to the great acclaim of fellow audience members on **Question Time** on the 24<sup>th</sup> January. The audience clearly wanted a referendum!



Work continues apace behind scenes for the **2008 National Conference** in Bournemouth this September. Please put yourself forward to help at this 2 -3 day event. All manner of jobs need to be done. Please contact John Baxter in the first instance. Let's really push the boat out and make this a truly prestigious showcase for UKIP. A website will be produced very shortly.

Congratulations are in order all round for Christchurch UKIP branch. They have selected their Chairman **Rollo Reid** [photographed speaking at the National Conference in London 2007] as their Prospective Parliamentary Candidate. An excellent and forceful speaker.



Ex-Labour Party activist but now *Arundel & South Downs* UKIP member **Stuart Bower** is bringing a court case against Gordon Brown. The ex-policeman has been granted a hearing at Brighton County Court against Gordon Brown on Breach of Contract of the Human Rights Act (the right to a free election). We wish him well. Hear an interview with Stuart with James Whale on TalkSPORT [http://www.ukip.tv/?page\\_id=5](http://www.ukip.tv/?page_id=5). The case is due to be heard on the 7<sup>th</sup> February. Hopefully, whatever the outcome, James Whale will make mention of it on his show that evening.

Stan Parr a UKIP activist in the Midlands has started a new petition on the Downing Street website. Sign it to demand a **cost benefit analysis** of the EU – something different. <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/EU-Cost-Benefit/>

Just a little reminder that we should be having **European Elections** in June 2009. It sounds a long time ahead but there is an enormous amount of work to be done before then. Letters to be sent, leaflets to be repeatedly delivered, funds to be raised, publicity events to be held and advertising to be paid for. Please do all you can and co-opt family, friends and work mates to help wherever possible. There will also be a general election sometime or other. Some commentators feel it may be this year, but perhaps Brown will hang on for as long as possible, in which case

it will be May 2010. It is of course possible that by then the EU will have closed Westminster down, thus we may face no further General Elections. Similar comments have been made about council elections in 2011.

Isn't it wonderful to see the hateful **Peter Hain** in trouble for irregularities of donations to the tune of nearly £200,000? Delighted that this anti English no-gooder has been reported to the police and has resigned from his two cabinet positions. No doubt he is still in the pay of the EU and will probably now get a bigger pay cheque in euros for doing nothing useful in the EU!

Whilst scum like that always seem to manage to avoid the law courts, however serious their crimes [lets hope to be proved wrong in his case!], the lesser mortal – the ordinary British man or woman in the street find it hard in our increasingly hostile police state to avoid not being taken to court. One of the latest examples is Janet Devers, a 63-yearold pensioner who runs the fruit and veg stall on an East London market, a business started in 1940 by her mother. On the 18<sup>th</sup> January Janet faced 13 **criminal charges** - putting her at the centre of one of the most shameful farces of recent British politics.

She has become Britain's latest "Metric Martyr" – falling foul of EU directives compelling Britain to use only the metric system of weights and measures. She faces financial ruin for breaking that same law which, in 2002, created the original "Martyrs" - the five traders who were found guilty of the crime of selling goods in pounds and ounces.



Since the Metric Martyrs' case aroused massive publicity, around 40,000 market traders all over the country have continued to sell in pounds and ounces without further prosecutions. But on September 13 last year, trading standards officials from Hackney Council, supported by two police officers, arrived at Janet's Ridley Road market stall to confiscate two sets of imperial, non-metric scales.

You may remember that last September, Commissioner Verheugen was keen to show that the EU had softened its line on such cases, and said it was not an offence, and that both imperial and metric could be used. This was despite the fact that in January 2010, it will become illegal to make any reference to non-metric measurements in a commercial setting throughout the EU. The case continues.

Another example is of the man who put the wrong thing in the **wrong bin**, ended up in court and being fined £60.00. Well, in fact it is more than one man! There have been hundreds, possibly thousands, already fined for bin offences around the country. These include such serious offences as putting so much rubbish or recycling in the bins that their lids don't close properly. The apparent justification is that the authorities are "only trying to make the fortnightly collections work." It is a very nice little triple earner for the cash strapped councils [Less collections + usual charges through Council Tax + fines = 3]. Just as are the massive increase in parking fines! Oh, about the bins – I don't suppose the fortnightly collection is the cause of the rat population of the country increasing by more than 30% in the last year. No wonder it is the Chinese Year of the Rat! **Kong Hei Fatt Choy!**

On the subject of **rats**, we have a new president. Portugal, having ditched the promised referendum on the Treaty in the same way as comrade Brown has for us, passed the EU baton to Slovenia on the 1<sup>st</sup> January. Prime Minister Janez Jansa has stated that **ratifying** the treaty smoothly has become one of the top priorities of Slovenia. Senior Slovenian ministers have admitted that they will not tackle anything deemed too controversial in EU states where **ratification** is most controversial – Britain and the Republic of Ireland. They would seem to be on the same wavelength as Comrade Verheugen – don't rock the boat until it is all ratified.

Nigel Farage on his blog and the UKIP website have brought to our attention a rather alarming situation that our colleagues in Portugal are about to find themselves in. The PND [*Partido da Nova Democracia* The New Democracy Party] under Manuel Montiero have some similar aims to ours, especially to regain control of their fishing and to oppose the constitution. However a new law comes into force in Portugal in March 2008 that states **political parties** must have 5000 registered members or they will be declared illegal. Additionally, the names and addresses of the members must be given to the Portuguese authorities. This will mean that ten of Portugal's fourteen political parties will disappear and the PND is one of them. This intolerance to opposition means that new parties would never be created, existing ones become more powerful and they alone would control party funding. This situation is caused by Article 191 of the Nice Treaty, regarding party funding. If it can happen in Portugal, it can happen here. A good reason to increase our membership as fast as possible. Although I hesitate to compare it, it does bring to mind the identification of Jews in Nazi Germany in the 1930s. UKIP is currently safe from extinction on these grounds as we have more than three times that many members.

Interestingly, Nigel's article supplied by UKIP is featured on Dr Ron Paul's website "**The Daily Paul**" in the USA. Ron Paul is of course a Republican Presidential Candidate. His comment to it is to wonder whether this could happen in the USA: "*With the government (McCain-Feingold -- yeah, THAT McCain) already funding at least the two major parties, are we also headed in that direction? In most communist countries there were also Government-funded political parties. Of course, all of the parties that opposed the ruling, government-funded communist party were outlawed*". Sums it up pretty well, Eh?



Moves are afoot to reduce the level of **alcohol** in a driver's blood from 100ml to 50ml. Is this a measure to increase road safety? Not really – it just brings us in line with the bulk of EU countries. So no more sherry trifles, brandy butter and cold cures! Unless you want to be 'nicked'.

The ineffectual Home Secretary Jacqui Smith is under pressure to honour the independent wage recommendation for **Police** wages. She proposes cutting this year's wage settlement effectively from 2.5% to 1.9% by failing to backdate its implementation. Similarly the civilian workers in police stations have also had their wage demands treated disparagingly. One wonders about the real reason for this. Why are they treating the traditional Police force with contempt, in the same way as they have for the British armed forces? The reason for the latter is clearly that they are reshaping and training our forces for their roll in the Euroforces. Is the police force being marginalised and eventually being replaced by the Europol and the vicious Eurogendarmarie? Similar troops are in action in this country already as shown by the way peaceful demonstrators and photographers were without provocation beaten up near Downing Street by police thugs in January. It should be noted that Miliband has failed to deny these Eurothugs are coming. How could he? They are here already. Perhaps we are paying for them out of the 'saving' in the funding of our traditional Police force. The illustration below, showing the Eurogendarmarie, is provided by Iris Binstead in her 'Save Our Sovereignty' publication, in an article written by Torquil Dick-Erikson. Torquil, who has addressed many UKIP meetings, as some of you will know, is a commentator on legal affairs who has done much work in publicising the end of our legal system and the rise of the Code Napoleon as its replacement.



I hope that the Police gave a week's notice of their march through London by 22,000 officers in support of their pay demands!

Oh dear - here we go again – **Political Correctness** gone mad again! How many years has the story of three little pigs been around, without offence to a sole? Now a digital book based on the Three Little Pigs has been turned down for an award by **BECTA\***, the government's educational technology agency, because the subject matter could offend Muslims. "The use of pigs raises cultural issues". Entitled 'Three Little Cowboy Builders' the book is aimed at primary children, and already was a prize winner at recent Education Resource Award. The judges also felt it might "alienate parts of the workforce (building trade)". The judges criticised the stereotyping in the story of the unfortunate pigs: "Is it true that all builders are cowboys, builders get their work blown down, and builders are like pigs?" One wonders how many Muslims had raised this issue with the judges, who assumedly are not Muslim. One also wonders how daft you have to be to be selected as a judge in such an organisation – or even to join the organisation in the first place! \*The **British Educational Communications and Technology Agency**.

As expected, the Government comfortably won the first round in its battle to ratify the European **reform treaty**. Despite a limited Labour revolt and the absence of the Prime Minister, the European Union (Amendment) Bill was given a second reading by 362 votes to 224, majority 138. Foreign Secretary David Miliband insisted the Lisbon treaty was "good for Britain and good for Europe" as he rejected fresh cross-party calls for a referendum. Faced with a barrage of angry interruptions and with up to 20 days of detailed debate ahead, MPs urged him time and again to let the people have their say on the treaty changes. But Mr Miliband said a referendum was unnecessary as the treaty did not amount to "fundamental constitutional" change. A large number of Labour MPs are expected to rebel and vote with Tories in demanding a referendum.

**How did your MP Vote?** EU Reform Treaty debate 21.1.08 Result: Ayes 362, Noes 224. The Ayes have it.

1/ Dorset North - Robert Walter – against. 2/ Dorset West – Oliver Letwin – against. 3/ Poole – Robert Syms – against 4/ Dorset South – Jim Knight – For. 5/ Mid Poole & North Dorset – Annette Brooke – No record of her voting 6/ Bournemouth West – Sir John Butterfill – against .7/ Bournemouth East – Tobias Ellwood – against. 8/ Christchurch - Christopher Chope – No record of his voting. How about no confidence votes on Brooke & Chope?



The **New Labour** site looks attractive! Why not post some interesting responses to Jim Murphy, Labour's Minister for Europe, regarding the EU Treaty?

[http://www.labour.org.uk/eu\\_treaty\\_ask\\_a\\_question](http://www.labour.org.uk/eu_treaty_ask_a_question)

Finally – A warm UKIP welcome to **Marion Mason**, leader of the Conservative group on Stevenage Borough Council. After 25yrs a Tory, Mrs Mason has joined UKIP and will continue to serve as a UKIP councillor. An active member in her third term - next election is due in 2010.

## **FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008 @ 7.30pm onwards: [Also Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2008]**

*North Dorset Branch Library and minishop available at this meeting.*

The first **FIRST-THURSDAY** informal evening get-together of 2008 at the Charlton Inn, Bournemouth Road, Charlton Marshall, DT11 9NH. Our regular informal evening of food, drink and chat. Do one or all three! Call John Baxter for further details if needed on 01202 897884. All are welcome – members and their guests or prospective members. Joint event with other local branches, making it always an excellent opportunity to network! Collect your supply of leaflets out of the boot of my dodgy motor in a dark corner of the car park TONIGHT!



**THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008 @10am.**

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**THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> February 2008 @ 11am.**

Salisbury UKIP Annual General Meeting 11a.m. Alderbury Village Hall, Southampton Road, Salisbury, SP5 3AF.

### **ADVANCE NOTICE:**

**SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2008 - ANNUAL SOUTH WEST RALLY - a Star Studded line-up!!!**

UKIP's Annual Rally for the South West of England will be at Exeter University. Speakers are expected to include: Graham Booth; Roger Knapman; Trevor Colman; Piers Merchant; Former Tory Cllr Jeff Beer. Nigel Farage; Christopher Gill; David Jones, member of States of Guernsey, Housing Minister, member of Policy Council of Guernsey; Lisa Duffy of UKIP with Youth with Students from Exeter; UKIP General Election Candidates; Sean Gabb of Liberation Alliance; Marc Glendening of the Democracy Movement; Lord Malcolm Pearson. Clear your diary and attend this event!

**FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> & SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008 - UKIP NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2008.**

Start booking your hotel places now! The UKIP national conference for 2008 will be held on Friday and Saturday the 5th and 6th of September at the Bournemouth International Centre. Fuller details will soon appear on the Bournemouth West website and will include a list of nearby hotels. Please support this enterprise and help to make our local conference the best yet, the one to set the standard of conferences to come! Volunteers are needed to help the smooth running of this prestigious event – To assist in the setting up the conference itself; for manning stands; for assisting with enquiries during the conference; security; cloaks; and the many other seemingly minor and unimportant little jobs that make an event run smoothly. We can't have too many helpers! Please contact your branch conference committee member or John Baxter.

### **Other 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, 36 High Street, **Wells**, Somerset, BA5 2SG. Contact Wyn Thomas on 'gb.thomas@ukonline.co.uk'



#### **SALISBURY BRANCH**

A reminder that the Salisbury Lunch has a new venue and day. Now the **4th [last] Thursday of the month** [excluding August & December], UKIP **Salisbury** branch have a lunchtime social at the Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, SP5 2AR. Phone Margaret Strange on 01980 623907 or contact David Dickenson on 01722 324146 for further details. The Green Dragon may in part be the original Blue Dragon in Charles Dickens's 'Martin Chuzzlewit.'



#### **EAST DEVON BRANCH**

Come and have lunch with UKIP in **East Devon** the **first Tuesday of every month** at the Maltsters' Arms, Woodbury, Devon. EX5 1LN Telephone John Kelly on 01395 276130.

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**Would you like to join the committee to help the smooth running of this branch? Tell the Chairman NOW.**