

Head Office has introduced new branch membership lists reflecting the new **constituency boundaries**. However branch membership levels have managed to be maintained as the numbers in the Colehill and Wimborne area leaving to join North Poole and Mid Dorset and those in Stapehill and Longham who now have joined Christchurch broadly equal those we have been able to welcome from Verwood and Three Legged Cross. We wish those of you who are leaving us our best wishes and hope you will benefit from the lively leadership in your new constituency. We thank you for your very active participation in branch events and are sure you will be great assets to Xchurch or NP & MD. We intend that the newsletter will continue to be sent to you for a while, funds permitting. However we do extend a permanent welcome to you to any Dorset North event at any time. Please carry on as normal!! See you at the next First-Thursday!

As mentioned we have been able to extend a warm **welcome** to members in Verwood and Three Legged Cross and trust that you will be as active and vocal as possible! We hold regular and very informal meetings in Charlton Marshall on the first Thursday of every month and hope to see you there. If you feel you can contribute to the running of the branch please let the chairman know very soon in what capacity you feel your talents [and everyone has talents] would be best suited. All contact details appear on the back page of this and every newsletter.

Leafleting has recommenced in our greater area. Currently Wimborne is being targeted. Colehill is complete. Please tell me where **you** would like to leaflet so we can assist you.

In the last newsletter we advertised the availability of the **CREC postcards** to send to HM The Queen promoting a referendum on the 'Treaty'. We are pleased to report that 1,000 have been distributed to Dorset North members to send to the Queen. If further supplies are still required please contact the Chairman [JLB] so he can order more.



Last month we reported on the brave attempt in the Brighton Courts by UKIP member Stuart Bower to take PM Brown to task for failing to honour an Election pledge to hold a Referendum on the Treaty/Constitution. Needless to say Mr Bower was refused leave to proceed with the case against a high-powered defence. Speaking on behalf of the Prime Minister, Miss Cecelia Ivimy said that "manifesto pledges are not subject to legitimate expectation." Stuart Bower said later "To file a defence that says 'I can be a blatant liar in a manifesto and get away with it' is utterly mind-boggling. Nigel Farage who was at the hearing, said: "Whilst we may not have succeeded with legal technicalities today, we have an admission from Gordon Brown's legal aides that the Labour Party's manifesto commitments are not worth the paper they are written on. How can anyone put a cross by a Labour candidate in any election after this?" [A good topic for you letters to the press?]

We also reported on Janet Devers, a 63-year-old pensioner who runs the fruit and veg stall on Hackney market, facing 13 **criminal charges** for selling fruit either by the bowl or non-metric measures. This latest "Metric Martyr" will next appear at the Crown Court on the 7<sup>th</sup> March. We wish her well.

This month we are pleased to include the first report from Gawain Towler, our Prospective Parliamentary Candidate, keeping us up to date with events both locally and in Brussels:

### *News from here and there*



*This is the first in what will be a regular round up from me about what we have been up to, both here in Dorset and otherwise.*

*Since the last monthly meeting there has been a fair degree of work. John Baxter the North Dorset Chairman and I arrived in Bourton at the very top of the constituency. The meeting had been convened at very short notice to fight against proposals to build a large wind farm north of Gillingham. There must have been 250 in the room and it was the second such meeting in three days. It is remarkable what a little local effort combined with clear and present danger can do to invigorate the electorate.*

*I spent the next couple of days leafleting,, the costs of shoe-leather paled into comparison with the beauty of the day, and the fact that I was being helped by my daughter (pictured). I didn't make her, I promise, she demanded to help.*

*We are also starting our pub survey, finding out from publicans themselves about the effect of the smoking ban and a raft of EU directives on their businesses. It is astonishing how these centres of our community are now the target of any number of government campaigns.*

*Over in Brussels and Strasbourg things have been a little busy as you may have noticed. The UKIP delegation has been at the forefront of highlighting the growing totalitarianism of the authorities as they use every means at their disposal, including an attempt to censor independent journalists who covered our protest. This was reported by the Sunday Telegraph and has been widely commented upon in the blogosphere.*



*For regular updates as to our activities in Dorset and your PPC's other work in Brussels, log onto:*

<http://ukipnorthdorset.blogspot.com/> - North Dorset UKIP Campaign Blog

<http://englandexpects.blogspot.com/> - My own personal site

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=8375308818&ref=mf> - My Facebook campaign group.

[gawain@ukipdorsetnorth.org.uk](mailto:gawain@ukipdorsetnorth.org.uk) - My personal email.

*Hope to see you all in Charlton Marshall, or failing that Exeter for the South West Conference,*

*Yours truly,*

*Gawain Towler*

*PPC Dorset North and Brussels Press officer for UKIP (Ind/Dem).*

It is interesting to note that when 250,000 people signed an **on-line petition** on the 10 Downing Street site the patriotic Mr Brown apparently listened. The petition demanded a public holiday to honour British war dead. However in excess of 2 million signed one to demand the end to plans for Road Pricing, but the plans continue unabated. Where the EU has 'competence' no amount of petitions will have any effect. However, if the response is small the PM can quote this as justification for carrying out the policies highlighted in the petition.

There are a number of petitions on the 10 Downing Street website which might be of interest to you, including:

1/ *We the undersigned petition the Prime Minister to Not support the signing of the EU Treaty, a revamp of the EU constitution.* <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/EUorNOT/Cf1SqEDf44KoAYkypsAJBMr>

2/ *We the undersigned petition the Prime Minister to Repeal the Identity Cards Act 2006.* Submitted by Joshua Burge This is a petition to stop the proposed ID Card Scheme.

<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/IdentityAct/EIApSTDXeT9CB6LySGBILDO>

3/ *We the undersigned petition the Prime Minister to remove the European Union Flag, (yellow stars on a blue background) from photocard driving licences and replace it with the United Kingdom Union Flag, (Union Jack). The heading should also say "United Kingdom Driving Licence" instead of just "Driving Licence".* Submitted by Philip Glover <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/UnionJackDL/AZhy9aBoEOchEhvfTkAnaAr>

Whilst online check out the lengthy list of petitions running on their site. You might find others relevant to your beliefs to support. Time will tell whether they have the required effect.

Additionally Mr Brown himself when Chancellor authorised the removal of **Britannia** from the 50 pence piece and redesign of our other coins. Britannia was ousted in favour of geographical, flora and fauna themes. How patriotic was that? Britannia does however make a guest appearance on a special £2 coin this year.

I mentioned last month that **Westminster and local councils** could be abolished by the EU at any time after January 1<sup>st</sup> 2009. This is well within their capability to do. However, it is generally considered unlikely to happen as the EU like us to believe that democracy rules OK, even if such organisations are virtually powerless. If abolished, the EU would be open to claims of dictatorship. This would be true, but way too honest a situation for them to cope with! So Councils and Westminster should be safe for the time being at least!

There is a strong rumour around that 100 small village **primary schools** have been earmarked to close for reasons of economy. This might even be the tip of the iceberg. No doubt they have to balance the books to some extent in order to fund the 'black hole of the EU'. What they fail to take into account every time is the extra transport costs to the ordinary person, in particular those who have the audacity to live and work in the country. Thousands more car journeys will have to be made to get the children to school, as school buses are unlikely to exist in any number and don't provide for extra curricular activities. The government don't care – they will be raking it in through all the extra fuel duty and VAT on the petrol/diesel the parent will have to use, and reduced educational costs due to rising class sizes in the 'approved' schools. So much also for the trendy carbon footprints of those concerned!

I continue to see red when I read or hear of the hypocrisy of our "British" politicians. Foreign Secretary David Milliband gave a speech on 'The **Democratic Imperative**' on the 12 Feb. on the occasion of the Aung San Suu Kyi Lecture at St Hugh's College, Oxford University. In it he says "*I believe this is an important time to reflect on the situation in Burma and to think about what the international community can do there - and elsewhere - to help people fulfil their aspirations for democratic rule....I will argue that we should back demands among citizens for*

more freedom and power over their lives - whether that is reforming established democracies, or supporting transitions to democracy....Tellingly, even where democracy is absent, dictators seek to describe their rule as 'democratic' to provide a veil of legitimacy for their regimes." Leading contender for 'Hypocrite of the year'?

In the UKIP website you will find an interesting and worrying article by UKIP member for Sefton, former History Teacher Mr Paul Nuttall. A recent report from the **Institute of Education**, penned by Dr Michael Hand & Jo Pearce concludes that patriotism is not a "Fit" subject to be discussed at School. A Cultural Marxism viewpoint is encouraged. Mr Nuttall puts forward some examples such as when children learn about the Battle of Trafalgar, they are learn of the horrors of small children working on the HMS Victory, and not the heroics of Admiral Nelson and others and what they achieved. If you can please read this article. There are, of course many more items there that you will find of interest if you can find the time and opportunity. Not got a computer? Ask a friend or neighbour to look at theirs if you can – you never know you might be able to get them to join UKIP after reading a few articles!

To sneak another article from the UKIP website: There we find that Nanny is at it again. The government funded quango [£15m] The School Food Trust says schools should not serve a **cuppa** to students under 16 yrs on Health & Safety grounds. It states "hot tea and coffee have 'minimal nutritional benefits and could be risky.'" Mick Brookes, of the National Association of Head Teachers, says: "This nannying has to end." UKIP MEP Godfrey Bloom sums up what will surely be the view of the reader: "This idea is utterly stupid. Their pettiness knows no bounds."

The Members of the EPP-ED Group (centre-right) in the European Parliament decided on Tuesday evening, 19 February 2008, to expel **Daniel Hannan** MEP (Conservative, United Kingdom), according to their internal rules. Dan is an outspoken opponent of the EU. If only he and Roger Helmer would join UKIP! Their views are almost a carbon copy of those of UKIP. In fact they are true Traditional Tories.



The following day the EUP voted to ratify the Lisbon Treaty, the vote being 510 for it, 115 against and 160 apparently apathetic non-voters. To illustrate the EU chickening out of allowing a referendum on the treaty a number of UKIP staff dressed as chickens in the EUP. The wearing of costumes in the EUP was claimed to be against the rules of the Parliament [altho' not in writing] so they were chased around by security staff until there was stalemate. Anne-Margrete Wachtmeister, Head of the Audio Visual Unit in the Parliament told a journalist who interviewed Nigel Farage during the **protest** not to use the footage, but Shirin Wheeler, presenter of the BBC World "Record" program that covers the Parliament threatened to block all further BBC coverage of the Parliament in Brussels and Strasburg if this attitude was not corrected. The Parliament backed down!

### Obituary

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mrs. Joyce M. Styles of Sturminster Newton on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2008 after a brave fight with Cancer. We extend our sympathies and offer our condolences to her husband Eric.

### FOR YOUR DIARY:

#### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2008 @ 1pm – Houses of Parliament, Westminster SW1A OAA.

Your opportunity to lobby your MP at Westminster. The *I want a referendum.com* Mass Lobby of Parliament between 11am and 6pm. Coach leaving Bournemouth Train Station at 08.30, via Southampton 09.30, Basingstoke 10.30. Book coach place via 0845 0944 620, quote Coach no.3. If travelling independently join the queue to enter the Houses of Parliament through the St Stephen's entrance on Margaret Street for 1pm. Fill in the green card [available there], clear airport style security, and hopefully you get to see your MP [not guaranteed due to large numbers or even the MPs absence]. Make sure you know his/her name, and do not take banners etc as they will be supplied there.

Their website: <http://www.iwantareferendum.com/publication/lobbyguide.pdf>

#### THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> March 2008 @ 7.30pm onwards: [Also Thursday 3rd April 2008]

North Dorset Branch Library and minishop available at this meeting. With **Gawain Towler**. Our **FIRST-THURSDAY** informal evening get-together 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! Our PPC **Gawain Towler** will be on hand to answer any questions and to keep us up to date with what goes on in the EUP and in his personal campaign.



#### 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. If you have not already booked don't delay: contact HQ today.



**SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2008 - @ 3pm – AGM BOURNEMOUTH EAST UKIP**

Bournemouth East are holding their AGM on Saturday 8th March at St Nicholas Church, Broadway, Southbourne commencing at 3pm.

**SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2008 @ 1.30pm – AGM BOURNEMOUTH WEST UKIP**

UKIP Bournemouth West are holding their Annual General Meeting on Sunday the 30th of March at the Bournemouth International Hotel 6, Priory Road Bournemouth beginning 1.30pm.

**SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2008 @ 10.45am – AGM DORSET NORTH**

**Dorset North Branch Annual General Meeting at the Pimperne Village Hall, Newfield Road, Pimperne, nr Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 8UB. Your chance to influence the way your branch is being run. Doors open from 10am for teas and coffees etc, the official business of the AGM from 10.45 am to 12 Noon. Guest speaker: Gawain Towler, PPC for Dorset North, UKIP/[IndDem group] Press Officer in Brussels. Free parking on site. Branch UKIP Shop + Branch Library also available + loads of freebees. Can offer or need Transport? Contact JLB 01202 897884. All are welcome – members and their guests, other branch members or prospective members. There is even a children's play area adjoining the car-park – unsupervised but on view from the hall.**

**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, with a National Chairmen's Evening on the Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Perhaps meet the legendary John Kelly!**



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Gawain Towler's Campaign Group. <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=8375308818&ref=mf>

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**Would you like to join the committee [and/or become an officer] to help the smooth running of this branch? The more on the committee, hopefully the more we can achieve. Tell the Chairman NOW. Vacancies available for most posts.**