



UK Independence Party

It's Time We Governed Ourselves

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The **Annual South West Rally** held in the Great Hall in Exeter on the 8th March was the success the star line-up promised. Opened and chaired by our old friend and, to quote Mark Glendening of the Democracy Movement, 'the Campaigning Colossus' Malcolm Wood, a host of first rate speakers made it clear that despite the results in Westminster so far in respect to the Lisbon Treaty "The Fight Goes on!" A large and appreciate crowd were in for a treat.

David Bendall, the Rally Marketing Director outlined the day then Malcolm Wood emphasised that the people had to have their say about the Treaty and **Graham**

Booth welcomed the conference to his Devon. The UKIP PPC for Totnes, a convert from the Conservatives, **Jeff Beer** spoke that he had found his niche in UKIP, and his experience as a hard working and effective former Tory councillor bodes well for his 'new' party. **Christopher Gill**, the President of the Freedom Association, spoke eloquently on liberty, freedom and the disgrace that our country's MPs had brought upon themselves by their actions in Westminster over the Treaty and Europe. Guernsey politician **David Jones**, who had spoken at the Troxy Conference in October 07 said that Guernsey, currently in the fortunate position of being outside of the EU, wished to remain independent and were seriously worried by the Lisbon Treaty.

Lord Pearson of Rannoch, one of our two valuable members of the Upper house, pointed out that the reforms of Parliament by the Labour government had led to a large influx of Europhile members, many dependent upon their gold plated pensions from the EU, which would of course disappear overnight should the recipients take any position in opposition to the EU. Thus, despite the independence of other members of the Lords, pensions will probably win over consciences. He and Lord Willoughby de Broke were working hard to sponsor the referendum amendment, and to persuade the many undecided Lords to take a patriotic line. Party Leader **Nigel Farage** held that UKIP had to jettison negative messages and adopt positive ideas and policies to compete in next year's European Election, an occasion that could result in a large increase in the UKIP vote – and even better representation in Brussels, and also in the subsequent local and general elections. The sittings Lib-Dems MPs would be targeted in the wake of their abstentions in the House of Commons. Exposing the Lib-Dem hypocrisy and Europhilia UKIP should be able to pick up the real liberals and steal the protest vote.



All these speakers and we only now broke for lunch!

The afternoon continued in the same excellent way. Malcolm Wood gave an opportunity for the PPCs to introduce themselves to conference, and these included our very own **Gawain Towler**, and our neighbours **David Williams**, **Philip Glover**, **David Evans** and **Francis Howard**.

William, Earl of Dartmouth, also a PPC, commented on the sheer arrogance of the British MPs for not holding a referendum. The only reason being that they knew they would loose it – and by a clear 50% of voters! UKIP would continue to campaign to get out, and quoting from a certain USA candidate "Yes we can!" Former NHS Radiographer **Stephanie Williams**, another PPC, expounded that UKIP had to go with three positives – Image, Message, Wasted votes. "We are not the nutters we are made out to be"; a clear message – scare the other parties by the high votes achieved in 2005; convert those who say they can't vote for us but agree with us because Labour will get in if they do. She pointed out that 12 months ago no-one had heard of Barack Obama. UKIP were gaining momentum and were becoming the true opposition against the Pro-EU Cons, Labs & Lib-Dems.

Tiverton PPC **Paul Kennedy** is bullish about the next election. The Lib-Dems had lost credibility and Labour had been proved to be the party of deceit. The Tories were split over Europe. The EU had been attacking the UK's financial health – London's Financial Services and the City produce the largest section of UK income. The government's plans to tax non-domiciles would cost billions to the UK economy. He ended by quoting the retiring Northern Irish politician Rev Ian Paisley "There never should be an EU."

We then heard from **Lisa Duffy**, National Coordinator for **Young Independence** [YI][since elected to the NEC]. She pointed out the youth of this country have never been asked about the EU. Her aim is for a YI member to sit on

every regional committee to aid communication, and to stimulate university debates. Her colleague Steven from Hertfordshire spoke of 18th Birthday cards, & 6 weekly meetings in different locations. “The future is bright, the Future is Young Independence.” A number of Exeter University students had joined as a result of last year’s SW Rally.

Laura Movalee is on the YI Council, YI newsletter co-editor and an excellent speaker. She wanted YI to move forward with the party. Youth had received indoctrination about the EU, common sense was needed to stand up to it. Cameron was perceived as turning off young voters. There are currently 7 YI candidates in place to fight council elections this year. **Darren Scratcherd**, YI, felt that not enough was known about UKIP domestic policies. UKIP is the real opposition, strong on Law & Order, against the lack of moral principles. The UK is the Greatest Nation on the earth! Once the UK was united, law abiding and looked after its armed forces, but now was PC with minority politics. The UK government must be able to act for British Interests. There were several more speakers but these, I’m afraid, will have to be featured in May’s newsletter as space has once again beaten us.



WILLIAM HAGUE



IAN DAVIDSON

I want a referendum.com

Less than a couple of weeks previously the Westminster Lobby took place on the 27th February. Nearly 3000 supporters from around the country turned up to lobby their



MAX ANDERSSON



DANIEL HANNAN

MPs. Many attended a meeting inside – speakers were Shadow Foreign Secretary William Hague; Ian Davidson Labour MP; Dan Hannan MEP; Max Andersson, Green Member of the Swedish Parliament; Simon Wolfson, CEO of Next plc; Roger Cole from the Irish no campaign; Leading Trade Unionist Alex Gordon; Journalist and author Christopher Booker; Nick Herbert MP; Ruth Lea of Global Vision; Thomas Rupp from the European Referendum Campaign [no photo]; Lord Leach of Fairford; and Derek Scott, IWR Chairman and former advisor to Tony Blair. Tony Benn spoke to people in the queue outside, congratulating them and saying “*This is how you get democracy.*” Far from getting no coverage the lobby was featured on the BBC Ten O'clock News, the Daily Politics show, BBC News 24, Channel 4 News, Sky News, BBC Online, BBC Radio 4's World at One and PM programmes, Radio Five Live, and in two pieces in the Telegraph

Whilst supporters began to take their place outside Westminster BAA protesters appeared on the roof. They achieved a lot of television coverage, in fact much more than the lobby. One has to ask the question “With Airport type security, how did banners and poles, hand cuffs etc get through and up onto the roof?” The only feasible answer would be that they enjoyed help from within the Parliament. This leads to the view that it was obviously a setup, an inside job by Pro Eu supporting staff and MPs [some say a certain Labour MP] to attract coverage away



SIMON WOLFSON



ROGER COLE



ALEX GORDON



Christopher BOOKER



NICK HERBERT



RUTH LEA



LORD LEACH OF FAIRFORD



Derek Scott

from the ‘I want a Referendum Rally’. Don’t hold your breath for confirmation of this viewpoint!

Please **volunteer** to help your branch achieve more than it currently does. Stand for a job on the committee; organise a fund raising event; create a team of Leafletters in your area or for anywhere in the county as a flying hit squad to help cover the ground in larger towns. All we ask is that if you want to stand on the committee you let us know at least one week before the AGM in April [or sooner if you want to get cracking!].

Accompanying this newsletter is the official notice of the aforementioned **AGM**. Along with that are the minutes for last year’s AGM in Pimperne, and the EGM last October when we selected our PPC. Please read them in advance of the AGM so that we can go straight to a vote and avoid reading them out on the day. Do please make a big effort to attend. There should be much to hear and see, as well as meeting your committee and other members.

The RSPB has launched a campaign against **biofuels** for cars and other vehicles. “The Government plans to put biofuels in the UK's transport fuel from [mid] April [2.5% in Petrol and Diesel]. The drive for biofuels is wiping out precious wildlife habitats. And some biofuels are causing more problems for the climate than they solve. A deal in Europe to force us to increase the amount we use could make things even worse. Why wreck our planet while pretending to save it? It makes no sense.” Copy paste <http://www.rspb.org.uk/supporting/campaigns/biofuels/>

For further details or state the case against directly with The Minister for Transport Rt Hon Ruth Kelly MP, Department for Transport, Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR.

Whilst on the subject of petitions, a new one has appeared beseeching the **Queen** to withhold her assent of the Treaty of Lisbon on the grounds of the lack of democracy due to the refusal of a referendum by the government: One can but try: <http://petitionpoint.com/building/LisbonTreaty/index.php4?thost=fg3371367p> . There is also another doing the rounds www.lisbonvote.eu . No sure what to make of the .eu country tag on it though!



We are pleased to welcome and congratulate **David Hughes** [left] as the Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Bournemouth East. A formidable team is being assembled! We will be ready to fight the General Election whenever it is called. David is also standing as Council candidate for Charminster & Queens Park on May 1st. **Sam Whitt** will be standing in Winton East. Good luck to both.



We also would like to wish our patron Sir Patrick Moore a very Happy 85th Birthday. Sir Patrick [right] was born **Alfred Patrick Caldwell-Moore** on 4th March 1923 in Pinner.

A quote from a Guardian CiF thread about the referendum: "For a transient UK government to cede sovereignty permanently to another power is like a shorthold tenant fraudulently flogging the freehold."

Links of the month:

European No Campaign – see the view from other countries: <http://www.europeannocampaign.com/>

Look at the amazing results of the parish polls. How can Brown ignore this information? It is so clear what the people of this country want: <http://www.westbournemouthukip.com/parishpolls.htm>

Don't miss a nice new video from UKIP/ID group called Remote Control: www.NoremoteControl.org

Did you know? The MoD has admitted that 11,000 ID cards belonging to Military Personnel have gone missing in the last two years – out of 200,000. Roll out a similar percentage over the general population and that makes about 3.4 million cards going astray. That's 1.7 million a year. How safe is that?

Two Bournemouth wards are up for grabs on the 1st May in surprise elections. Help the candidates to leaflet and canvass. Let's see if UKIP can really bash the big boys this time round. Contact John Baxter NOW [see Diary].

News from here and there



The great close down on dissent over in the Brussels/Strasbourg nexus continues apace. In the last month we have had the spectacle of Godfrey Bloom and the South West's own Roger Knapman being fined for protesting about the signing of the Charter of Fundamental rights. Hearing the President of the Parliament, Mr Hans-Gert Pottering tell us that 'for the first time there will be human rights in Europe, but with those rights come duties', would be enough to turn anybody's stomach. The United Kingdom was enjoying its liberties hundreds of years before anything close to them arrived on the continent. When they did arrive of course it was in large part due to the blood, sweat and tears of our nation. As an aside, I once asked Mr Pottering what he meant by these duties to the EU. He looked at me puzzled and said, "Well, I suppose the duties are taxation and military service". Well I can assure you that I will never dress in green for his ambitions, and I am sure that I talk for the vast majority of our people when I say that.

Hope to see you all at the AGM, if not before. For regular updates as to our activities in Dorset and your PPC's other work in Brussels, log onto the campaign blog site – see back page of this newsletter for contact details:

Yours truly, Gawain Towler

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

**"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." Mohandas Karamchand [Mahatma] Gandhi
1869 – 1948**

Volunteers are still needed to help with the running of the prestigious event of the year – the Annual UKIP National Conference in Bournemouth. Requirements: members 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.

FOR YOUR DIARY:

THURSDAY 3rd APRIL 2008 @ 7.30pm onwards: [Also Thursday 1st May 2008]

North Dorset Branch Library and minishop available at this meeting.

Our **FIRST-THURSDAY** 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 01202 897884. All are welcome – members, their guests, prospective members. Joint event with other local branches, making it an excellent opportunity to network!

SATURDAY 5th APRIL 2008 11am to 5pm - STOP THE TREATY CONFERENCE

Hosted by Roger Knapman at the Webbington Hotel and Country Club, Barton Rd, Loxton, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26 2HU. Various Key-note speakers, questions & answers, working party reports and speeches from the floor. Admission free but by ticket only. Coffee & Lunch £14.95. All Bookings: geoffrey.kingscott@btopenworld.com or by writing to Geoffrey Kingscott, 23 Shaftesbury Avenue, Long Eaton, Nottingham NG10 3FG. Cheques payable to 'UKIP WALES'.



14th APRIL 2008 at 6.55 pm on BBC1 TV. Party Election Broadcast on behalf of the UK Independence Party – subject to sufficient candidates being selected. We require 475 candidates to receive a free PE broadcast. Deadline Fri 4th April.

SATURDAY 26th 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.

THURSDAY 1st MAY 2008 @ BOURNEMOUTH ELECTIONS, all day till 10pm [also 1st Thursday, see 3rd April

By-elections in two Bournemouth wards: Charminster with Queens Park [David Hughes see newsletter]; Winton East [Graham Sam Whitt]. Both due to the resignations of the two Conservative councillors. A chance for UKIP to clean up in the backlash of the non-Referendum? Help with their campaigns now. As these are the only two seats to be contested, can we have everyone down to Bournemouth to help leaflet & canvass? Contact the candidates or J L Baxter. Good luck to both candidates.

SATURDAY 31st MAY 2008 @ 11.30am till 5pm - UKIP LAW AND ORDER CONFERENCE

UKIP Suffolk will be hosting UKIP's first Law and Order Conference which will take place at the Woodbridge Community Hall, Station Road, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 4AU on Saturday 31st May. Doors open at 11.30 am and the conference finishes at 5.00 pm. Speakers include Gerard Batten MEP, Mike Nattrass MEP, John West UKIP Press Officer, Chris Hudson and David Fraser author of UKIP's Law and Order whitepaper. For further details email John West at johnwest81@hotmail.com. All members are welcome and the entrance is free.

THURSDAY 5th, FRIDAY 5th & SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2008 - UKIP NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2008.

Book your Hotel & Conference places now! The UKIP National Conference for 2008 will be held on Friday and Saturday the 5th and 6th of September at the B.I.C., with a National Chairmen's Evening on the Thursday 5th. Full details on the Bournemouth West website which includes 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!



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

Held on 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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