



UK Independence Party

It's Time We Governed Ourselves

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Well! Friday the 13th did not live up to its usual reputation – unless you love the EU of course! On this day in June the results of the **Irish Referendum** gave hope to all right-minded folk around the continent of Europe. 53.4% of the voters of Ireland rejected the Lisbon Treaty, effectively scuppering the Reform Treaty. This was a marvellous result for democracy, something that had seemed dead up to that day. Anything that makes things more difficult for these treacherous, self serving career politicians must be a good thing for the true European. We salute the people of Ireland, especially the hard working ‘No Vote’ team. Now we need to find a way to combat the phoney eurosceptism



of Cameron’s Cronies currently being exhibited at every opportunity, in time to hammer them in next year’s EUP elections. In the meantime, we all know that Barroso and his fellow fanatics will continue to introduce the treaty into all states’ legislation piecemeal, even if they don’t make Ireland vote again.

UKIP MP Bob Spink, said: *"I am now calling for the proceedings in the British Parliament to be suspended, pending the EU honouring its pledge and withdrawing the Lisbon Treaty, which we all know is just the EU Constitution under a different name."*

Mr Farage reacted furiously to a comment by Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso indicating that the treaty is not dead and other states should ratify it. *"What part of 'No' don't they understand?"* he demanded. *"This reaction shows more than ever the gaping chasm that exists between the people and the politicians. They will stop at nothing to achieve their goal of a European state."*

One German’s point of view about the Irish referendum: “Thank you, Thank you, Thank you” by Jo Conrad: <http://video.google.de/videoplay?docid=1589914462437093850>

As expected, Mr Brown, ignoring rational comment and the wishes of the Queen’s subjects, made sure nothing got in the way of **ratification** and on Wednesday 18th June the House of Lords with the considerable help of the Liberal Democrat peers passed the bill 277 to 184. The only hopes are now that Ireland is never forced into ratifying the treaty and that the various legal cases currently being considered in court can somehow prevent this travesty of a treaty coming into law. However the Queen gave her assent on the 19th June.

Also in a busy June, the government managed to bribe and cajole to win by a miserable 9 votes the extension of the period of time a terrorist suspect can be held in **prison** without charge to 42 days. This of course is a small part of the Code Napoleonic being phased in before the Treaty of Lisbon had even been ratified in the House of Lords. How long before this is edged up to 6 months and expanded to cover other offences as required by Corpus Juris?

Tory Shadow Home Secretary **David Davis** resigned in protest of this vote, the introduction of ID cards and other EU measures. Would it not be better if he protested properly and came over to give UKIP its second high profile MP? However it is noted that Dr Bob Spink voted the wrong way for a UKIP man, citing that his Essex constituents wanted the protection that 42 days gave in cases of terrorism. We trust that he does not blot his copybook again.



In the High Court on the 2nd May, Mr Justice Owen decided that a petitioner, Stuart Wheeler, could pursue a **Judicial Review** of the government's decision not to hold a referendum on the renamed European Constitution, or Lisbon Treaty. The government would now have to justify breaking its word, in open court. The decision regarding a Judicial Review in the UK may well have influenced the Irish referendum on the Treaty. It was also hoped, in vain, that it might at least delay the UK ratification of the Treaty. In June Rabinder Singh, QC , for Mr. Wheeler, argued for two days against a team of government paid [or rather tax payer paid] top barristers. On behalf of the High Court, Lord Justice Richards wrote to the Government to say "The court is very surprised that the Government apparently proposes to ratify while the claimant's challenge to the decision not to hold a referendum on ratification is before the court." However the final verdict went against Mr. Wheeler who has stated he will appeal, and if still unsuccessful will put it to the House of Lords. We wish him well.



In the editor’s absence, the Crewe and Nantwich **Bye Election** was won by the Tories, pushing Labour to 2nd place with the Lib-Dem 3rd. Mike Natrass [left] won 2.2% of the vote, placing UKIP 4th out of the 10 candidates with 922 votes. Similarly Henley, the seat vacated by new London Mayor Boris Johnson, was retained by the Tories on the 26th June. Our candidate Chris Adams [right], a gymnastics coach for a charity called Lynx Gymnastics



Centre, came sixth [843] with a similar percentage of the vote to last time [0.07% down]. However this time the anti-EU vote was split 3 ways with the BNP [1243] and English Democrats [157]. Together they would have polled 2243 votes which would have made a comfortable 3rd. We are pleased to note that Labour [5th] also lost its deposit.

The **Royal Mint** has for many years produced commemorative issues for major events. These usually fall on the centenary of the event, or perhaps 25, 50 or 75 years. However they have recently started to mark the 90th anniversary of events in the same way as the Royal Mail has done as mentioned in a previous newsletter. For example, the Channel, Cayman & Solomon Islands are noting the 90th anniversary of the end of WWI with special coins. Similarly the UK is marking the 90th birthday of the RAF. Is this because by 2018 we will have adopted the Euro and such commemorative issues will no longer be possible, with the EU in control of coin issues?

The editor has recently returned from his annual break in Malaysia, and usually brings back stories of EU interference in that country. Strangely nothing of significance was found in their press, until a copy of the British Hospitality Association [BHA] magazine came to hand at home. In the mid-April edition we learn that the 'EU Asia Invest Programme' is funding the training of up to 1,000 **spa therapists** in Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines over two years at a cost of £0.8m. The key objective is apparently to improve the business potential of 50 spa operators by providing spa services that conform to EU standards. One has to ask why the arrogant EU feel their standards are superior to those in the Far East, and what business it is of theirs to interfere with non EU businesses in non EU countries.- and with our hard-earned money! What other follies are they funding?

The same esteemed publication also featured an article by Bob Cotton, Chief Executive of the BHA who calls for the disbanding of a large number of the country's 900 **Quangos** [quasi official non-governmental organisations] which cost our country £167bn in 2007 alone. In his field, catering & leisure, he mentions RDAs [Regional Development Agencies], Food Standards Agency, Health & Safety Executive & English Heritage to name but a few. These lead to competition for funding, confusion and confrontation. Mr Cotton wonders why the RDAs, totally ignorant of tourism matters, claim to spend £50m p.a. promoting tourism when there already exist the specialist organisations VisitBritain & VisitEngland. VisitBritain has had its funds frozen for all eight years of its existence at Year One level, and additionally is to lose 20% over the next three years. "*Quangos are costing too much money, appear to be unaccountable, and are just not creating sufficient added value. It is time for many of them to be disbanded*" Mr Cotton summarised. A wise and brave man for saying so!



The **Post Office** closures continue apace with only Cornwall & Dorset yet to be announced. [8th or 16th July] Enclosed with this newsletter is a factsheet. Make sure you pass that information around your community and make it clear that the closures originate in Brussels. Any P.O. that is less than 3 miles from a main P.O. is liable to be closed so these will affect your locality, whether village or town. Even some main ones are closing, a prime example already closed being the Bournemouth Main PO in Post Office Road with a postcode of BH1 1AA which was replaced by a first floor counter in W.H.Smiths. Your Chairman has in stock

3000 **leaflets** specifically for areas that are liable to close and we must get these out very promptly **NOW**. Even if your PO does not close in October, UKIP has learnt that another 7,500 may also close in a year or so. So be prepaid to help UKIP get the message across that these closures originate in Brussels. To make things easy we are making up teams of leafleters to hit as many communities as possible as fast as possible. Join one by ringing 01202 897884 today – transport would be provided. Might even buy you a pint or your favourite tipple!!

The editor has prepared a provisional list of Post Offices in high risk of **closing** in Dorset North and they include:

Motcombe – Winterbourne Stickland – Wimborne St Giles – Child Okeford – Bourton – Buckhorn Weston – Cranborne – Three Legged Cross and Sturminster Marshall. Medium risk being: Iwerne Minster - Milton Abbas – Shillingstone. Will he be proved right? As yet we do not know how many will close this time. It may be more.

As an interesting footnote to this, it is believed that the Post Office Ltd is in a strong position to win the contract to distribute **ID cards**, Biometric data and e-passports through the remaining network of post offices. Currently they can check passport applications, and this could be extended to ID card applications. The contract is expected to be worth £200m. ID cards for foreigners start this November, with high security workers [e.g. in airports] following in 2009. The rest of us get ID cards in 2010. The first Post Office referendum run and adjudicated by North Cornwall District Council, held in St Brewards resulted in a 60% turnout with all 438 voting to retain their P.O.

Sorry no item from Gawain Towler this month as we are giving more space to the **UKIP Annual National Conference**. The Dorset UKIP Associations are hosting this prestigious event in the Bournemouth International Centre. This is your opportunity to see the party in action, meet the Names and the back scene boys and girls, and help make the policies, all without having to travel more than 30 miles! Previous venues for the National Conference



include London and Telford, therefore make the most of it being so close to home. The landmark first 100 bookings have already been made. There is even a free National Chairmen's Evening reception on Thursday 4th Sept. for the first 150 who specifically

book it. On Friday 5th there will be a coach tour of the Bournemouth area for those who are accompanying delegates but not attending the conference proper. Fuller details are on the Bournemouth West website and include a list of nearby hotels, particularly useful if you are attending the full conference and want to avoid travelling. Your chairman has prepared a paper copy of the website which gives most of the details and even contains a booking form – available on request. Please support this enterprise and help to make our local conference the best yet, the one to set the standard of conferences to come! You have the option to book one or two days. The Conference centre is extremely expensive to hire thus we need a very high turnout to make it a success. If you are not able to attend, a donation towards these expenses would be appreciated, so that as much money as possible is available to fight the EU elections next year, and the Council and General Elections in 2010.

Additional volunteers are still needed to help the smooth running of this prestigious event – we can't have too many! To help, contact your branch conference committee member or John Baxter. The Conference website address is <http://www.conference.westbournemouthukip.com>.

Please do book your Conference and optional hotel places now!

What the papers say:

- Unfinished business: Those of you interested in the claims about Nigel Farage made by the **Sunday Times** newspaper in February will be pleased to read the following:
"Our report 'Anti-Brussels MEP, Nigel Farage, pays son from EU funds', February 24, wrongly stated that Nigel Farage, leader of the UK Independence Party (UKIP), had used taxpayers' money to employ his son as his assistant. The report suggested, again wrongly, that as an opponent of the EU 'gravity train' Mr Farage was also a hypocrite. We accept that there was no foundation for these statements and apologise to Mr Farage for any distress or embarrassment caused."
- According to *Le Canard Enchaîné*, Sarkozy, was furious with the Irish following the No vote. *"They are bloody fools,"* he told aides. *"They have been stuffing their faces at Europe's expense for years and now they dump us in the s***."* Sarkozy said that issues which contributed to the No vote included Irish concerns over euthanasia, abortion and the world trade talks - adding bluntly: "Mandelson." [Nice Chap!]

Links: Dr. Bob Spink MP, as seen on Channel 4 TV in mid-June: http://www.ukip.tv/?page_id=224

Out of Europe VOTE: <http://www.express.co.uk/ourcomments/view/50229/VOTE-Should-Britain-leave-the-EU->



To end on a note of triumph, the first of the British Isles to leave the European Union declared its **independence** on the 21st June 2008. Stuart Hill [left], owner of the 2.5 acre island of Forvik, one of the most westerly of the Shetland Islands, announced the restoration of its original legal status and reminded the people of all the Shetland Isles that the same status of independence was theirs by right. *"Forvik neither recognises the British government nor the European Union. It aspires to the same relationship with the UK as the crown dependencies of the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands"*, he said. It will become a tax haven with no income tax, VAT, council tax or corporation tax. The only tax would be a contribution by every citizen towards the cost of running the state, initially set at a level of one Forvik gulde per year - around £55 in today's money. In due course Forvik will have its own currency, the 'gulde' backed by gold, and issue its own postage stamps. Later Forvik will offer to register companies in a tax-free environment, which may eventually lead to the provision of offshore banking and financial services. It is also claiming territorial water of 200 miles and oil rights. [Let's hope this takes off & more territories follow, despite the lack of recognition of the GB govt.].

Obituary **Iris Smith** on the 30th May – member of Bournemouth East UKIP, former branch secretary, former independent councillor - after an illness bravely born. In remembrance of a hard working and dedicated party worker, we recommend you read her article currently on view in the Bournemouth West UKIP website called 'Peace and War.' Unfortunately lack of space dictates that we cannot reproduce it here. [If you have no internet ask the editor for a paper copy which could be sent to you with the next newsletter.]

FOR YOUR DIARY:

THURSDAY 3rd JULY 2008 @ 7.30pm onwards:

North Dorset Branch Library and minishop available at these meetings. 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 if needed on 01202 897884. All are welcome – members, their guests or prospective members. Joint event with other local branches, making it always an excellent opportunity to network!



SATURDAY 5th JULY 2008 - UKIP MP's ANNUAL CHARITY GARDEN PARTY.

UKIP MP **Dr. Bob Spink** is holding his Annual Charity Garden Party at 75 Downer Road, Benfleet, Essex SS7 1BQ. Entertainment provided by the **Karima Dance Troupe** and also the **Drifters** [yes, the real thing, 'Under the Boardwalk' etc]. Tickets are restricted but free, but donations please of £17.50 each to his charity. All enquiries direct to Bob please. Email at tenaj@tesco.net. Bring your own food, drink and seating etc.



SATURDAY 5TH JULY 2008 – DEVONSHIRE CREAM TEA.

Newton Abbot UKIP is holding a Garden Cream Tea with Margaret and Peter Fountain, at 19, Henty Avenue, Dawlish. This is just off Exeter Road near the cricket ground - This event weather permitting.

SATURDAY 5TH JULY 2008 - [Freedom Association running similar event on the 18th July].

Gloucester UKIP is holding its Annual Summer Party at Stanway House [right], Stanway, nr Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL54 5PQ. Another opportunity to visit this super and historic Jacobean Cotswold property courtesy of Lord & Lady Neidpath. Details: David Blair 01242-511378 or e-mail davidchristopherblair@hotmail.co.uk or Peter Joiner 01242-516091 e-mail pjoiner@talktalk.net



Look at the property's website to see the additional attractions: www.stanwayfountain.co.uk. Wet weather alternative available.

FRIDAY 25th JULY 2008 at 7.30 pm – MEP Hustings South West

Before you cast your vote come and hear the prospective UKIP MEPs at the Bournemouth International Hotel, Priory Road, Bournemouth, BH2 5DL. Graham and Roger retire in 2009. See the candidates: Gawain Towler, Earl of Dartmouth, Julie Reid Trevor Coleman, Jeffery Beer, Eric Edmond, Rachel Tingle, Alan Wood, Julie Harrison and Stephanie McWilliam.

SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST 2008 - am - COFFEE MORNING AND BRIC-A-BRAC

Come to the Carlton Theatre in Teignmouth TQ14 8BD for a Coffee Morning, Bric-a-Brac, Grand Raffle and UKIP's famous 'Wheel of Spin'. Organised by Newton Abbot UKIP.

THURSDAY 7th AUGUST 2008 @ 7.30pm onwards:

First Thursday at the Charlton Inn, Charlton Marshall DT11 9NH. Details as for the 3rd July meeting.

THURSDAY 4th, FRIDAY 5th & SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2008 - UKIP NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2008.



The BIC is the venue for this year's UKIP National Annual Conference. For more details see the article in the newsletter above or go online on the dedicated conference website at <http://www.conference.westbournemouthukip.com> If you would like to assist at the conference please contact John Baxter or your branch conference committee member.

ADVANCE NOTICE: The **September First-Thursday** will have to be postponed to the **11th September** due to the UKIP National Conference in Bournemouth starting on the Thursday 4th.

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 at ['gb.thomas@ukonline.co.uk'](mailto:gb.thomas@ukonline.co.uk)



SALISBURY BRANCH

On the **4th [last] week of the month** [excluding August & December], at **12.30** 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 and day of the next meeting. The Green Dragon may in part be the original Blue Dragon in Charles Dickens's 'Martin Chuzzlewit.' www.ukipsalisbury.org



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 get to meet the legendary John Kelly!

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