



# UK Independence Party

*It's Time We Governed Ourselves*

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Ok – hands up – who noticed last month's deliberate error? Nobody as far as I know, so perhaps I should keep quiet! Somehow issue 29 went AWOL. We managed to miss out 29 and numbered from 28 for the July issue to 30 the August issue. Can't go backwards, so have decided to number the current issue 30a then we are back on track for October.

A big thank you to those of you who have most generously donated some wonderful items for the **tombola** to be held at one of the evening events at the Trouville Hotel in Bournemouth. Such generosity is wonderful in these recessionary times and is greatly appreciated. We hope that we manage to raise vast sums which will go into the fighting funds of the local branches for the 2009 elections.

We can report that with over 2000 **Leaflets** delivered around Dorset North about the Post Office closures we have received 99 responses. Hopefully a few more may follow, and even more hopefully that some may join UKIP as a result.

Even with the conference yet to take place, we are trying to get strategies and logistics in good order for the EU and County Council elections in June next year. As well as candidates, we need to know if you can offer a place to site **advertising** hoardings promoting UKIP. They vary in size, with the advert boards made of Corex, some with wooden legs to stand in the ground. Smaller ones are available for home windows, places of work, vehicles, fences and gardens anywhere where large ones would be inappropriate. Please help us push UKIP in this way as it can be very effective advertising. They can be situated virtually anywhere in town or country. Let us beat our placement record from the last General Election and show the residents of Dorset that UKIP has a strong presence everywhere in the county and is therefore not a wasted vote in the elections. We do need all sizes represented.

Also, is there an eye-catching **commercial hoarding** [20 ft x 10ft] near YOU? If so can you tell us where it is, the name of the hoarding company, the site number [usually shown on the frame] and approximate postcode? We can then try to book this just prior to the election and increase our visibility. There are remarkably few in North Dorset.

Please contact John Baxter [JB] if you can help in any way with the above two operations. Should you have any stocks of these please contact JB so we can assess our needs. Posters should be available in all sizes from commercial hoardings down to car stickers.

And now a commercial from the UKIP Conference Team:

With less than a week to go the UKIP National Conference will soon be here. This will be one of the best UKIP conferences yet and certainly the most important so far. There'll be something for everyone and you can find out what's on via the conference website at

<http://www.conference.westbournemouthukip.com/default.htm> which has the latest up to date conference news. There will be fringe meetings and many stands to provide added interest.

Why not bring a friend? They on the day in the foyer and about UKIP. Meet the people quick and we will see you



can book through the website or have a chance to find out more who make up the party. Be soon!

Changed your mind last minute about coming to the conference? Don't panic: either phone up head quarters, and pay by credit card, visit the website or turn up on spec. and pay cash at the door after 9am. Do please come and make this conference the success it deserves. Your chairman is one of the organisers so please support his exertions and help make it all worth while!!! You won't be disappointed.

**► If you are attending the conference do remember to bring your membership card. ◀**

A plea from your Association Chairman:

At the risk of **overkill**, can I just remind you of the scarcity of branch funding? Generally speaking branches such as ours do not benefit from cash payments from Head Office. Membership fees and donations sent to HQ get used to cover the considerable expenses in running Head Office, and for providing some advertising materials, and national meeting venues [such as conference etc.]. The branches can benefit from most of new members fees [hence the need for an increase in membership locally]. Otherwise they have to be self-funding. The editor covers the main costs of producing the monthly newsletter [paper, envelopes, printer and toner] but does rely on the branch covering most of the postage costs. More importantly, we do need to purchase additional advertising items, particularly as we get nearer to the elections. The basic figure required is in the region of £700 for a branch of our size. However the more we can raise, the more material we can obtain and the more we can achieve at election time. We do have some reserves but the figure quoted should be our basic aim to achieve. More would be amazing. In fact if we could raise £1000 that would be

fantastic! At this point I must thank the various generous and kind members who have already made donations for which we are eternally grateful. I also reiterate my thanks to those donating items for the conference tombola, the proceeds of which will go towards the target figure. The amount of items exceeded all expectations. See you at conference.

Thank you very much. *John Baxter.*

If you are able to, please send a cheque to "Dorset North UKIP" [little or large – every penny counts] to the branch at the Greenacres address listed below. If you would like to donate by paying a one-off sum straight into our branch account or to set-up a regular payment the bank details are:

Lloyds TSB – Sort code 30-99-68 - Account no. 0773338

Don't forget to let us know so that we know who has made the donation.

**"I have seen your future and I don't like it" Vladimir Bukovsky**  
**[Patron of UKIP - author and political activist, writing about the future of the UK.]**

We often are guilty of referring to websites within our newsletters. This often takes the form of 10 Downing Street **petitions**. Several have recently finished and been 'answered' by a Downing Street spokesperson. As many of you don't have this facility, we thought we might make things more accessible by showing one of their responses here. It is rather lengthy for which we apologise. Whether it provides a true answer we leave to your esteemed judgement!

It concerns the request **to repeal the Act of 1996 concerning the introduction of ID cards:**

*"We all need to be able to prove who we are, quickly, easily, and securely - when travelling, when opening a bank account or getting a new mobile phone, or applying for a new job. We also need to protect ourselves and our families against identity fraud, and protect the community against crime, illegal immigration, and terrorism.*

*The National Identity Scheme is a major undertaking which will ultimately deliver a standard and simple proof of identity for all those who are legally entitled to live and work in the UK. It will give us a new way to do this - more securely, and more conveniently, using fingerprint biometrics to link people securely with their core identity details held on a single National Identity Register (NIR).*



*The first identity cards for foreign nationals who are subject to immigration control will be compulsory. It will also be a requirement for people who wish to work in sensitive areas to have an identity card. However, identity cards will be phased in for the wider UK population on an entirely voluntary basis.*

*Once fingerprint biometric passports are introduced we will give everyone the choice of having a separate passport or identity card or both, with identity details recorded on NIR.*

*We intend that the fee for an identity card in 2009 and 2010 will be £30 or less.*

*You will be required to enrol facial and fingerprint biometrics in order to be enrolled on the NIR, but we have no plans to enrol iris biometrics. You will not be fined if you refuse to provide fingerprint biometrics, you simply will not be recorded on the NIR and will not receive an identity card. There are no criminal penalties for not applying for an identity card.*

*Once you are on the NIR you are obliged to update the details held on your record if they change, for example when you move house, and to inform the Identity and Passport Service (IPS) if you lose your identity card. The exact means of communicating updates to your details have not yet been finalised but they will not involve interviews, new photographs or new fingerprint enrolment unless there has been a significant change to your fingerprints or facial appearance or there is a suspicion of fraudulent activity.*

*You will be given a reasonable period of time to contact IPS in the case of updates to the NIR and there will be no criminal penalty for those who fail to contact IPS.*

*Under the legislation in the Identity Cards Act 2006 no services may be made dependent on the production of an identity card. You will not be prevented from renting or selling a home, staying in a hotel, buying a car, registering with a doctor or from accessing any other public or private services just because you do not hold an identity card.*

*Finally, the Identity Cards Act does not include any requirement to have to carry an identity card at all times; and it made no changes to police powers." [Ed. 'If you believe that lot you will believe anything!']*

[Website site details of an organisation opposing the introduction of ID cards: <http://www.no2id.net>]

Another traditional British measure is set to disappear in 2010. As a result of EU Directive 80/181/EEC, our accurate 700 yr old **acre** is to be replaced by the French hectare, an apparently miscalculated measurement of 10,000 sq metres equivalent to 2.47 acres. Nothing is sacred, and it is clear nothing British will survive the EU onslaught.



UKIP has a brand new **website**. It is much more modern [not in New Labour mode!], well designed and user friendly than its rather muddled predecessor. It is now very clearly laid out, and will come into its own as new information is entered onto it. In time many branches will have their own webpage within it, thus rendering smaller

websites unnecessary – a big plus for creators of local websites who have to ensure their content remains up-to-date. There is however agitation in some quarters that the UKIP £ logo no longer features, replaced by a plain £ sign next to the name "Independence" as shown above, and has an illustrated header with purple and yellow butterflies flying in and

around a pair of vertical hands. David Sinclair, the UKIP Web Site Editor, claims that the logo on the new website is specifically designed for website use and is not intended to replace the UKIP logos used in printed materials, and that the yellow backed £ did not feature in the old website.

**Road charging**, which also can pinpoint the whereabouts of your car, is to be tested from 2010. This will involve satellite tracking of your car and possibly number plate recognition, apparently for charging tolls. This is open to use for further surveillance which could be used for political reasons although the government would never admit this. No doubt a tool against terrorism as a massive data base would exist recording where your vehicle has been - and when.

The Western Morning News recently quoted the following figures in respect to the demise of **village life**: last year 800 rural shops closed down, as did 400 garages & fuel stations, 29 Anglican Churches, 75 churches of other denomination, and 1404 pubs. Additionally many villages are struggling to maintain their village halls and to comply with the plethora of government legislation. Coupled with school and post office closures and the demise of doctors' surgeries in favour of polyclinics, village communities are dying fast. It is clear we have much to thank our yellow bellied government and the EU for. What better reason to abandon the spineless traditional parties of this country and vote for UKIP?

### News from here and there

*Conference is upon us, and what is more by the time you read this we will know who our standard bearers are for next year's European Elections. As a party we now have to focus on next June's elections with a single minded attitude. We in Dorset have both County and European elections to think about. Both are important but in different ways. Obviously the Europeans are vital because they speak to the nation clearly how we, no matter how variegated we are, feel about the most important single question in our nation's life - Our relationship with the European Union. In UKIP we are lucky. Unlike the other three parties we stand for a clear, unambiguous position. We are proud to state that we believe that our country has the right and destiny to govern itself, no ifs, no buts.*



*Of course there is more to UKIP than that, and this is where the local elections come in. As a party we are not just about national independence, but about independence and autonomy across the board. It is only when the electorate realise that we are serious at a local level that they will vote for us in enough numbers to return candidates to Westminster.*

*And in the end that is where our great battle must be fought. Voting is habit forming, and we must allow people to get into the habit of voting UKIP.*

*See you all at conference,*

*Have fun. Gawain*

**Gawain Towler** PPC Dorset North, shortlisted MEP candidate and Brussels Press officer for UKIP (Ind/Dem).

For regular updates as to our activities in Dorset and your PPC's other work in Brussels, log onto the campaign blog site – see last page of this newsletter for contact details.



Just a reminder of Gawain's comments last month: Last year Dorset North managed to field 13 candidates in the District Council election. On the same day as the European elections in 2009 [June 4<sup>th</sup>] there will be **County Council elections**. How about putting your name forward for this, either as a paper candidate or better still a fully fledged candidate? This will give local as well as national interest in the elections. I know it seems a long way off but time passes at an extremely fast rate nowadays! Let John Baxter know if you are considering standing and the powers-that-be will know instantly [sounds like a threat, doesn't it?]. Our aim? To empower North Dorset by our standing a candidate for every seat.



**Congratulations to Charles Upton, our Treasurer, who recently got remarried. We extend our best wishes to Sammy and Charles and trust that they will have a long and happy marriage.**



### **STOP PRESS – results of the voting for the South West list of candidates for the European Elections 2009 in order, showing no. of votes and % of vote:**

1/ Trevor Coleman – 900 – 23.38% 2/ William Earl of Dartmouth – 630 – 16.36% 3/ **Gawain Towler** - 478 – 12.42%  
4/ Jeffery Beer – 462 – 12.00% 5/ Eric Edmond – 303 – 7.87% 6/ Dr Julia Reid – 259 – 6.73%.

**Well done to all candidates especially our very own Gawain** – commiserations to the four not selected:

Alan Wood – 236 – 6.13% Rachel Tingle – 210 – 5.45% Stephanie McWilliams – 201 – 5.22%  
Julie Harrison – 171 – 4.44%

## FOR YOUR DIARY

### THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup>, FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> & SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008 - UKIP NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2008.

If you have not done so, book your Conference places now! This is your opportunity to see the party in action, meet the Names and the back scene boys and girls, and all in your neck of the woods. Previous venues for the National Conference include London and Telford, therefore make the most of it being so close to home. Over 350 bookings have already been made. Fuller details are on the Bournemouth West website and include a list of nearby hotels; or contact your chairman for your very own a paper copy of the details. Please support this enterprise and help to make our local conference the best yet, the one to set the standard of conferences to come! To help, contact your branch conference committee member or John Baxter. The Conference website address is shown below.



### THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008 @ 7.30pm onwards – FIRST-THURSDAY MEETING with MALCOLM WOOD:

North Dorset Branch Library and minishop available at this meetings. **Guest of honour** this month is **Malcolm Wood**, Political Assistant to Graham Booth MEP. 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! Malcolm is the font of all UKIP knowledge so this is your chance to ask all those questions you have saved up! Call John Baxter for further details if needed on 01202 897884. All are welcome – members, their guests, prospective members or the just curious! Joint event with other local branches, making it always an excellent opportunity to network!



### SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER- DAWLISH COFFEE MORNING AND BRIC-A-BRAC

UKIP NEWTON ABBOTT - Coffee Morning and Bric-a-brac will be at the Shaftesbury Theatre just off the Green in Dawlish.

### SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2008 – OPEN MEETING in MARLBOROUGH – @ 2.30pm

Cllr **Alan Wood** and **Nigel Farage** MEP will be speaking to members and non-members at a meeting chaired by **Malcolm Wood** at the Town Hall Assembly Room. Situated at Eastern end of the Market Square nr. good parking. A well advertised meeting, all welcome.

### FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER - UKIP EAST DEVON - PUBLIC MEETING @ 7.30pm

UKIP East Devon is holding a public meeting on October 24th at 7.30pm at the West Hill Village Hall, nr Ottery St Mary, Devon. Speakers include **William Dartmouth**, **Laura Moralee** [YI], and **Nigel Farage**.

### 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'



#### 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](http://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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