



# UK Independence Party

*It's Time We Governed Ourselves*

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Another month, another newsletter – and a new newspaper. Those of you with email will have seen the **Dorset UKIP News** which hit the streets a couple of weeks ago. We are delighted to report that the feedback so far is good, and that Wiltshire has expressed an interest in having their version of it. It contains articles by Christchurch’s Rollo Reid, South Dorset’s Mike Hobson, Graham Booth, David Hughes from E. Bournemouth amongst others. All we have to do now, with your help, is to distribute it as widely as possible around our constituency. We feel sure it will generate some new interest and with elections coming up that can only be a good thing. We will also be giving out ‘Remote Control’ DVDs with it whilst stocks last. The next issue should be available just before Christmas and will hopefully have the latest DVD ‘Out of Control’ with it.

Just to wet your appetite for further issues and to help us distribute them, we enclose a copy with the paper copy of this newsletter. Please read it, and if you believe you can manage to give some copies away let John Baxter know. You can give them to friends, neighbours, etc; give them away at busy bus stops, coach stations, shopping centres; leave some in doctors’ or dentists’ waiting rooms etc; or even make an arrangement with a local shop keeper, library, pub to take some. We have 1,900 left to give out. If we can find regular outlets we can order more next time. If you are in business maybe you would like to advertise in it. Do please help all you can.

Last month we promised you more on the Conference 2008 in Bournemouth. Despite the wettest weekend of the year 650 delegates etc. attended and made the event a great success. The BIC was considered to be the best venue ever, and also had the panache generated by previously hosting many of the main political party conferences the over the years. There was even a call to make it the permanent home for UKIP national conferences.

So here are some more reports on what the speakers said.

**Lord Willoughby de Broke**, one of UKIP’s 2 Lords with seats in the House of Lords, explained the battle that had raged to get fairness in the House. So many placemen/ex EU commissioners etc had been stuffed into the Lords there was now a considerable bias in favour of the EU – examples being Brittan, Kinnock, Herd, Heseltine, & Howard, as well as numerous Europhile bishops. Those previously employed by the EU had no requirement to declare their interest in the EU – their terms of employment meant that they would lose their very generous EU pensions if they opposed the EU line. He quoted Geoffrey Howe as saying “Referenda are dangerous – they can go the wrong way.”



Party leader **Nigel Farage MEP** spoke for some time. He welcomed our first MP Dr Bob Spink, as he had welcomed the Lords last year. He claimed that MPs did not talk about the 75% of ‘our’ laws being made in the EU, their being too frightened to tell the truth. Labour had reneged on the Referendum. The Lib Dems tactically supported the lie. The Conservatives proclaimed themselves eurosceptic yet Cameron had dropped opposition to the Common Fishing Policy, and had already failed to honour his pledge to remove the Conservatives from the European People Party. Despite all this, the best people to govern Britain are the British. Plans to expand NATO to the East were totally dangerous.

Nigel continued by saying that we should be able to trade with the EU, to work here or there, and be able to trade freely outside the EU especially with the Commonwealth. He urged us to be positive in our message, and to make the 2009 elections “the referendum we never had.”

He finished by announcing that **Dr. John Whitaker MEP**, who had been our hardworking Chairman for two years was standing down to return to academia. He had worked 7 days a week in this unpaid post, dealt with a lot of issues, and was simply the best. His successor was 31 yr old Paul Nuttall from Liverpool, currently on the National Executive Committee. The party was also opening an office in London, and making some changes to the party’s constitution to give the Chairman more power.



**Gerard Batten MEP**, the former UKIP London mayoral candidate, spoke of the UK’s contribution to the EU. £15 billion is paid directly every year which equates to £30m a day, a figure that could be better spent on hospitals and schools. The EU sells more to us than we to them, a trade deficit that ensures that the claimed 3 million jobs are not at risk if we pulled out of the EU. Indeed, our exports would rise as our trading with the rest of the world increased. Our businesses could operate without endless expensive and restrictive regulations. The people could use the savings and increased prosperity to pay their energy bills etc. The union is political not economical, the opposite to their claims. Action required includes re-establishing the Retails Price Index, and scrapping of the EU’s CPI which replaced it in 1999 by the hand of Brown.



A question was raised as to what pressure was exerted upon **HM the Queen** to sign the Lisbon Treaty. This of course is unknown. She would have been briefed on the implications. It is a dangerous time for the future of the Monarchy, as it has no relevance in the EU. Her advisors would have told her it would have been a risky time to oppose the EU.

**Tim Aker** [right] of the **Tax Payers Alliance** told of pensioners being in court for non-payment of taxes; that the sum raised by taxation is our money not the governments: soldiers were under-equipped whilst MoD offices in London were refurbished at a cost of £2.3m; a mother in Hull was fined for her young daughter's dropping of crumbs; in Eastleigh taxpayers were being paid to spy on their neighbours; Braintree Council placed a blank advert to show how green they were. The true cost of membership exceeded £70b p/a, with the CAP costing £16b, Fishing £3b, and the cost to British business £26b p/a. Abolishing RDA's would cut the small business taxation by 4% alone. UKIP's aims should include remaking Government our servants not masters – it was a moral & economic fight. Existing rates of taxation should be reformed helping the lower paid by replacing the 10,000 pages of tax coding with the simple and cheap to operate **Flat Tax**:



“Freedom is never more than one generation from extinction” – Ronald Regan.



**Prof Tim Congdon**, one of the countries leading economists, quoted a saga of misgovernment. Northern Rock would not have happened had we been outside the EU. The EU intervened to stop the LloydsTSB talks, and also insisted upon 2000 employees being sacked. The people of this country have seen that Labour has failed them, and will no doubt vote for the Tories next time. When they in turn are seen to fail more and more will join UKIP. That will be our opportunity.



**Jeffery Titford**, MEP & former Party Chairman, is retiring at the next EU election. He has helped to steer UKIP through the troubled times over the last 10 yrs, and seen the party mature with 12 seats in the EUP in 2004 and its first MP in 2008 into the 4<sup>th</sup> largest party – and the only one to stand up to the EU masters. He called for unity within the party, quoting Disraeli that it was “time to damn your principles & support your party.” Health, schools and army needed the money taken back from the EU. Churchill said “We will never surrender.” Indeed we will continue to fight & we will win.



Well – that completes the conference report FOR DAY ONE only! Much was said on day two but space again is our enemy. We heard from our very own **Gawain Towler** [left], who amongst other things mentioned that the EU budget for communications was £171m, and much of it was being targeted upon the UK in an attempt to control the debate on the EU and get compliance. **Mike Natrass** MEP [right] claimed that to lose one's country in war is one thing, to do so by having it given away by one's elected politicians is something very



different. He emphasised that Nigel Farage's being joint leader of the ID group was something that is a vast help to UKIP. The retiring [but not shy! Ed] **Graham Booth** MEP [right] was on the EU International Trade Committee and said that the EU is a complete farce. Blaming the treasonable Heath for unnecessarily giving away our fishing industry, he believed the Queen had a very difficult job, and that if the Apathy Party voted we would have a huge majority. In the EUP, 95% of laws are passed by hand rather than by the accurate electronic voting system, and working between the 2 eu parliaments [Strasbourg & Brussels] has caused Graham to travel over 30,000 extra miles since December 2005. How green is that?



**Mike Mahon** [left], recently famous as being the Newlyn fisherman who gives OAPs etc the fish he should throw back, said that our health & safety regulations are known in Italy as the ‘English Laws’. Why? “The English are the only ones stupid enough to obey them!” He has a point!

Many more interesting speeches were made but we really have run out of space to devote to them all. Mark Wadsworth spoke on Welfare & Workfare, David Campbell Bannerman on transport; Christchurch's rear Admiral Richard Heaslip naturally spoke on Defence. We heard from Steve Allison & Jonathan Arnott on branch activities; Lisa Duffy & Wayne Harling on Youth Independence – a thriving sector of UKIP that is really getting its act together and making headway; John Tenant from the North East; Rob Burbury on crime policy; the star of QuestionTime Michael Heaver; we received the thanks of Guy Herbert of No2ID who also said the home-produced ID card system in the UK is more advanced than anywhere in the EU – and cost £100m in consultation fees alone so far; Mark Sidwell of the Adam Smith Institute wanted Flat Tax, choice of schools, abolition of death duties, & free trade with the Commonwealth [+ rest of world]; finally our new Party Chairman Paul Nuttall [right] closed the conference.



A really successful and interesting conference. So now on to other things:

With all the upheaval we have witnessed and suffered in the **banking** world recently, it comes as no surprise to know that the EU connection is seldom mentioned. Ashley Mote, the ex-UKIP MEP, has laid out the reason succinctly:

‘Basel 2, officially EU directives 2006/48 and 49, demands that every EU-based bank and financial institution must apply an EU-formulated “Risk Assessment Model” at the end of each and every day's trading to show if it is solvent. If not, it must immediately stop trading. No problem in a rising market, but a huge problem in a falling market, not least because the “Model” fails to take any account of the inevitable market swings up and down every day, and it also fails to take account of the underlying worth of assets.... No-one dare tell the public for fear of undermining EU membership.’

In October, the House of Lords rejected controversial plans to extend detention of terrorist suspects without charge to **42 days** from the current level of 28 days. Home Secretary, Jacqui Smith, said the counter-terrorism bill would now continue its way through Parliament without its most divisive measure, but a separate bill containing the 42 day extension will be published and held in reserve in the case of a terrorist emergency. N.B. If & when the Lisbon Treaty takes affect, the 28 days will automatically become 6 months anyway.

The ennobled **Peter Mandelson** took his seat in the House of Lords in October amid calls for him to turn down the £1million "golden goodbye" payoff from the European Commission. Mark Francois, the Conservative spokesman on Europe, said the details of the ex-commissioner's "golden goodbye" would anger voters. There has yet to be a report on whether he has declined to receive his payoff. One has to wonder what he has done to warrant such a sum. Also, Peter Mandelson faces new questions over his relationship with Russian billionaire Oleg Deripaska. The newly-appointed Business Secretary is at the centre of a row over a potential conflict of interest, after two European companies sought his help following allegations that Deripaska's company cheated them over a \$1 billion deal in Moscow. Mandelson's spokesman is quoted in the *Standard* saying "There is no conflict of interest". That's all right then!

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [**DEFRA**] has mislaid 22,000 cows. The Cattle tracing System, their computerised tracking system which registers all movements of cattle from birth to death, cannot account for 20,979 cows. Additionally 1,039 never completed journeys. The scale of the lost cows was revealed on a written parliamentary answer by minister Jonathan Shaw – who has since left Defra for the Department for Work and Pensions. However, a spokesman for the Rural Payments Agency, which runs the Cattle Tracing System, denied the cows were lost, saying: "Farmers must keep accurate records and tell Defra of all cattle movements. We are able to confirm the exact number of cattle affected, precisely because accurate records have been kept." He went to add that most were cases of alleged theft or just incorrect farm records. [One wonders how many people are 'lost' in the UK? Ed.]

1p = 20p? Perhaps an unexpected outcome of the Sex Discrimination Act is that we have now been told by the EU that if a local authority charges for a ladies' **public convenience** then they will have to do so for gentlemen to use urinals. This is thought to cost about £20,000 for the average installation and would probably involve some measure of rebuilding. Some authorities have said they will carry out these works, as measures would probably reduce vandalism. Others are unlikely to do so. In areas where they will levy a charge, one has to wonder whether the local hedges will last long!

According to Dr. Richard North, the government plans to impose random **breath testing** on drivers, regardless of how they are driving, in order to "reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries caused by drink driving". Yet, in May 2004, the then Home Office robustly insisted that random tests were not an efficient way of catching drink-drivers and would thus not sanction them. So one wonders what has changed to alter their thinking so much on this issue.

The BBC has announced a proposal by Ofcom to impose eye-watering cost increases for use of VHF radio frequencies has resulted in a threatened increase for the **RNLI** licence from £38,000 p/a to £260,000 p/a, which might on appeal be reduced to a still thumping £130,000. The BBC chose not to explain the reason for this. The EU now controls the VHF licence legislation via Directive 2002/20/EC. This in itself has not authorised the increased, but Ofcom has been required to set up the laborious EU system, and needs to pass on the costs to the various licencees.

The Home Office now plans that everyone will have to produce a passport or some other means of identification in order to buy a **mobile phone**. From 2009 owners of UK's 40 million pay-as-you-go mobiles will have to have their details entered on a national database. As usual when our privacy is invaded the justification is given as a measure against crime and terrorism. No doubt this will be a tool to make us welcome and see the necessity of ID cards.

There is no way the 20<sup>th</sup> October edition of the ITV program '**Tonight**' could ever be shown on the BBC. The discussion and mock election on the EU resulted in a clear vote to leave the EU. Mark Glendening of the Democracy Movements stated the case for leaving, aided by Pete Waterman and TU leader Bob Crow. Defending the EU was Peter Luff of the European Movement backed by 'comedian' Eddie Izzard. 3,000 addresses in Luton were targeted, and 2 referendums were held. The results were as follows: To adopt the Lisbon Treaty: Yes = 27%; No = 63%; undecided = 10%. Re. EU membership: To stay in = 35%; To leave = 54%; undecided = 11%. A clear message from those given the facts to those who deny the facts. A message mirrored by the Irish vote. The 2 nations say it is time to get out of the EU.

### **News from here and there – a letter from Brussels**

*It is not often that we in UKIP can report a real success in action, but this month I can. Before the summer the European parliament set up a website called MyParl.eu. At the cost of £2.5 million per year it was supposed to act as a social networking site for politicians. I went along to the inaugural pre-meeting and rubbed my hands with pleasure. This was an idiotic waste of money and would be easy to sell as such to the media. The launch date came and I blitzed the press. They took the bait and ridiculed the whole idea. This month the European Commission cancelled the contract. After our sabotage mission nobody took the project seriously.*

*So we can truly say that we have saved the taxpayer millions of pounds a year. Strike one for UKIP.*

*I regret that I will not be able to make the bonfire evening but please do 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.*





Still no takers for the **County Council elections** next June. If we don't get any we all may as well pack up and go home. We must have someone to vote for in all elections. As before, below is a list of wards for which we need to find candidates. They can be 'paper' but of course fully fledged candidates will be given preference. Can we put your name down?

The following council wards are, we believe, to be contested, [numbers of seats in brackets]:

Hambleton [1]: Stour Vale [1]: Shaftesbury [1]: Blandford [1]: Winterborne [1] Gillingham [1]: Cranborne Chase [1] Blackmore Vale [1]: Ferndown [2]: Verwood & 3 Legged Cross [2]: Minster [1]: Colehill & Stapehill [1]: West Moors & Holt [1]. If you know different please let the chairman know. So....any volunteers??? Are you ready to fight?

**Did you know?** Britain's public debt is actually an astronomical £1,866 billion, which is equivalent to 125.5% of GDP, nearly three times larger than the Government's published figure of £645 billion or 43.4% of GDP. This equates to each British household being hobbled by the ball and chain of public debt to a sum of £76,475.

### FOR YOUR DIARY

**Don't miss this:**

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2008 – DORSET NORTH ANNUAL BONFIRE PARTY**

Held at Greenacres in Longham, home of your association chairman. Loads of hot & cold foods, wine & soft drinks included. Sorry NO FIREWORKS or GAWAIN, but a nice big bonfire to consume further EU notables! Raffle. A charge of £7.50 per person all inclusive towards our target of £1,000 for election funds: please book through John Baxter on 01202 897884 or by email as below, just to establish numbers. Guest Speaker: **Malcolm Wood** Assistant to Trevor Coleman MEP.

**THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> November 2008 @ 7.30pm onwards – FIRST-THURSDAY MEETING:**

North Dorset Branch Library and minishop available at this 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, prospective members or the just curious! Joint event with other local branches, making it always an excellent opportunity to network!



**THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2008 – QUESTIONTIME 10.30pm**

After being bumped from the 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Nigel Farage should be appearing on BBC1 TV's QuestionTime this evening – just to curtail our First-Thursdays event yet again!

**FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2008 – OPEN MEETING –UKIP WORTHING – Cancelled.**

UKIP Worthing's open public meeting in Durrington, with guest speakers Nigel Farage and Douglas Dennyas has been cancelled due to the revised date of Nigel's appearance on QuestionTime, but may take place in March 09.

### 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 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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