

**We hope you enjoyed your Christmas break, with lots of Christmas spirit and excess.**

**We wish you a very Happy New Year.**

Good results in the various **elections** in June will indeed make it a good year. This will now need a concerted effort from every member. Window signs need to go up, especially once the elections are called. Newspapers and leaflets need to be delivered and word of mouth needs to be louder than ever. Ensure all your cars are clearly marked with UKIP stickers - we need to advertise UKIP everywhere, so no-one has the excuse that they have never heard of us. Don't forget to let your chairman know what your requirements are for the election time in respect to Window stickers and the various sizes of UKIP advertising boards, from half the size of this newsletter up to 4 feet long, or even bigger. We would like to see every member displaying UKIP advertising on house, car, workplace and garden and field. Please don't leave it to others – it just won't get done that way. A small one is enclosed to start you off.

The other ways you can **help** are: organise an event in your area; attend our meetings; bully friends, neighbours, relatives and work mates into voting and if possible getting them all joining UKIP; donate money and items for raffles etc to the branch itself; pick up on EU related issues in your letters to both local and national press [even in letters to friends and relatives], and don't forget to take part in radio phone-ins if you can track some down; get friends who are not particularly political, or who are unable to get about, to register for postal votes, or proxy votes and ensure they become UKIP voters with your help [the other parties do this with great effect – lets play them at their game]; if you know of people who would vote if they have transport, help to arrange that or pass the request to the committee. By doing all these we can increase UKIP's profile and votes, especially in elections that are by proportional representation, namely the European Parliamentary elections.



Finally, if you can, stand in the **County Council Elections** in June. We can help you with your forms. The list of wards is:

Hambledon [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]. Take your pick!!! So, who is going to volunteer? Are you ready to do your bit for the

independence of your country? Those who stood in the District Council elections in 2006 enjoyed the experience, and many said they wished in retrospect that they had been a bit more proactive in their 'campaigns'. You are unlikely to be elected, but that is not the point. We must provide every opportunity for the electorate to vote for us.

So onto what the government has allowed the EU to do to us without a murmur - as usual.

The EU is interfering in the **NHS** again. This August it is implementing further reductions in hospital doctors' hours, from 56 hours to 48 hours. Clearly this is going to cause many problems such as a shortage of available doctors; increased difficulty of continuity of care, and also difficulties in carrying out complicated operations. Previously the UK has an opt-out of this requirement but this was scrapped by a vote in the EUP. To implement this change, each NHS trust will need to take on a 'working time directive project manager' who will be paid something just under £50,000. More money taken away from actual health care and spent on yet more administration.

When the MEPs voted 421 to 273 to end the British opt-out to the **Working Hours Directive 1993**, this alteration to the British working week is estimated to be costing the country £57 billion which equates to £2,300 a family by 2020. How many homes will be repossessed when workers will not be able to work sufficient hours to cover their mortgages [taken out when they could work longer hours & be paid overtime] and living expenses? Another well conceived directive from the EU to further reduce the British standard of living.

It is reported that the European Commission wants to introduce quotas for recreational **sea anglers**. Apparently the move is designed to protect endangered species such as cod, ling, pollack and shark. Joe Borg, European Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, has outlined plans that will see each EU state being given a quota for each protected species with governments then dividing this quota between commercial fishermen and anglers, who with river anglers make up the largest participant sport in the UK. Yet more red tape?

A deal has been reached between the Eu Parliament and member states that will see a list of 22 chemicals considered to be particularly hazardous and used in scores of **herbicides, fungicides and insecticides** gradually being phased out to avoid abrupt withdrawal from the market. However, the National Farmers' Union said that the measures - which will have to be confirmed by the Parliament and EU leaders early in the New Year - "will have a devastating effect on the horticultural industry and will see a reduction in crop yield and quality", and would also force up food prices.



**Farmers** also suffered considerably in 2005 and 2006 when subsidies due to them were severely delayed. Many however received incorrect amounts, and those overpaid are now being ordered to repay the excess that was handed out by the bungling officials in DEFRA [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs] who were fined £75m for their incompetence. The amount that has to be repaid totals £35m, broken down into 20,000 payments between £300 and £15,000. Margaret Beckett was the minister who authorised the original payments.

It is interesting to note however that the revelation comes in the same week that it emerged thousands of retired public sector workers were **overpaid** by up to £140 million – and will not have to pay back any of the money. More than 100,000 ex-state workers – including military personnel, NHS staff, police and firemen – were overpaid from 1978, when a number of public sector pension schemes contracted out of the State Earnings-Related Pensions Scheme (Serps). Once again the private sector is discriminated against whilst the public sector repays nothing.

### Links of the month:

**Nigel Farage attacks outgoing President Sarkozy in the EUP**

[http://www.ukip.tv/?page\\_id=211](http://www.ukip.tv/?page_id=211)

**See the response to Nigel Farage's address at the Conservative Conference Bruges Group Fringe meeting:**

[http://www.ukip.tv/?page\\_id=224](http://www.ukip.tv/?page_id=224)

**Come and hear how your council and community can use the 'amazing' new Sustainable Communities Act to protect and promote local services, shops, trade and the environment and create a thriving place to live. Brief speeches will be followed by a discussion with the floor. Details are:**

**Date/time:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2009, 7:15pm to 9pm (doors open at 7pm)  
**Venue:** The Corn Exchange, High East St, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1HF  
**Chair:** Alistair Chisholm (Dorchester and Champion Town Crier)  
**Speakers:** Oliver Letwin (MP for West Dorset)  
Andy McKee (Local Environmentalist, Writer & Author)  
Robert Gould (Leader of West Dorset District Council)  
Ron Bailey (Unlock Democracy and Local Works Campaign Director)

The **Sustainable Communities Act's** process started on 14<sup>th</sup> October when central government invited all local authorities to 'opt in' to, i.e. choose to use, the Act's new process. If your local authorities don't do this then parish and town councils and their communities will not be able to use the Act *at all*. So it is *crucial* that this meeting has a big attendance. Come and see what it is all about.

The 14<sup>th</sup> December was an important day for those of you who have been sticking the Union Flag/St George stickers over the barbed wire circle on your **car number plate**. The UK Government at last implemented a law originating in 2001 that makes this practice legal. Up to now, apparently, police could stop you and fine you £60 for doing so, although the VOSA MOT regulations had stated all along that they were legal. Mr Hoon announced this is now legal, although Northern Ireland is unable to follow suit due to a dispute as to which emblem to use there.



Two items were reported independently in a December issue of Open Europe Press Summary, but when placed together make more interesting reading. See what conclusions you can draw from them!

1/ *"The EU Court of First Instance yesterday overturned a decision by the European Commission in 2004, ruling that a 4.5 million euros discount received by budget airline **Ryanair** from the Belgian state was not a form of illegal state-aid."*

2/ *"A separate article in the Irish Times reports that Ryanair Chief Executive Michael O'Leary has vowed to campaign vigorously in a second referendum on the Lisbon Treaty" for the Yes vote. [No case of bribery to answer is there? Ed].*

On the subject of a second Irish referendum on the Treaty of Lisbon, the force behind the previous 'No' vote was Declan Ganley who now is putting in place a new party called **Libertas** to oppose the treaty. Our leader **Nigel Farage**, who has met Mr. Ganley, has commented as follows:

*"The UKIP position is that though this may confuse people this is in reality going to be a problem for David Cameron and the Conservative Party. Mr. Ganley's views are very similar to those of Mr. Cameron. They believe that reform from within the EU is possible. We of course know that this is not the case and that we have to leave the political union and negotiate a free trade agreement. So, Libertas as I understand it, would be campaigning for staying inside the EU and negotiating from that position of weakness. As you know this is completely different to our long held position. Which is that we must withdraw, for that will be the position of strength from which we can decide our own way.*

*Remember this, no one listened to the Dutch about the Constitution, no one listened to the French. No one is listening to the Irish now over the Lisbon Treaty. Anyone trying to reform from within will simply be ignored again which is why we have to [withdraw]."*



The **Tax Payers Alliance** [TPA] recently published a table of council spending on publicity – you might uncharitably call this propaganda – during 2007-8. Nationally approaching £1½b, Birmingham came out as the biggest individual spender at £9.2m. On the right is a list of our local councils' spending. To compare this with the last 3 yrs figures have a look on the TPA website:

<http://www.taxpayersalliance.com/files/csu2-publicity.pdf>

The average local authority is spending twice the amount on publicity than it did in 1996-97, and 1.33 per cent more than a year ago.

**On Publicity**

- in 1996-97, the average local authority spent £429,887;
- in 2006-07, the average local authority spent £954,023;
- in 2007-08, the average local authority spent £971,985.

National Ranking	Council Name	Amount
61st	Dorset	£2,246,000
69 <sup>th</sup>	Bournemouth	£2,029,596
193 <sup>rd</sup>	Poole	£557,000
210 <sup>th</sup>	West Dorset	£470,000
<b>394<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>North Dorset</b>	<b>£112,000</b>
423 <sup>rd</sup>	Christchurch	£82,000
424 <sup>th</sup>	Purbeck	£80,796
430 <sup>th</sup>	East Dorset	£70,000

The TPA also report that the **South West Regional Development Agency** spent £53,149 attending Liberal Democrat, Labour and Conservative conferences in 2008. Bosses at SWRDA sent 4 members of staff who hosted events and spent £30,985 at the Lib/Dem conference, £12,735 at Labour and £9,429 at the Tory event. [Strange – nothing at UKIP's!!]

Curiously, having apparently joined the EEC for reasons of promoting our trade with European Countries, our **exports** to the EU have dropped over an 8 year period. 1999 – 2007 figures show that less than half our exports go to EU countries and that percentage is still falling. UK exports to the rest of the world grew 37% faster than exports to the EU states, whilst exports to non-Eu European countries e.g. Switzerland and Norway grew 58% faster than to the EU.

We have heard from various sources that the **£** is likely to be gone soon; certainly the Euro will feature as a currency at the 2012 Olympics. Any general election will make no difference to this, as Tories, Lib Dims & Labour alike wish this to happen - although in the most part their members oppose the change. But the powers-that-be have their Eu agenda to adhere to, thus the wishes of the various memberships will be totally ignored – as usual.

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

*A Happy New Year to all members and readers! Christmas and New Year celebrations are over for another year. 2009 is going to be an important one for this country and UKIP alike.*

*Elections for County Council and for the EUP are looming fast. I am privileged to have been selected by you as third candidate for the SW in the European Elections. I am also your PPC for Westminster should there be a snap election. What we now need are candidates for the County Council elections that are to be held on the same day [6<sup>th</sup> June]. These have to be taken from our association membership – that means you! Elsewhere in the newsletter your chairman John Baxter has asked for your help in this. We need as many as possible to stand and we need you to make yourself known NOW. Whether a full candidate, a paper candidate or something between your country needs you!*



*If you don't stand the people of Dorset will have no-one to vote for in the council elections, which will reflect on the votes placed for our Westminster /EUP candidates – that's me! So please do put yourself forward. Don't wait for that phone call from your chairman beseeching you to stand!*

*For those who do – I salute you – and Good Luck.*

*Yours as ever,*

*Gawain*

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

*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.*

**What the papers say:**

- Just before Christmas, the *Sunday Telegraph* reported that the **wind farm industry** has been forced to scale back the estimated carbon emissions savings achieved by wind power. The British Wind Energy Association, BWEA, had previously estimated that electricity from wind turbines 'displaces' 860 grams of carbon dioxide emissions for every kilowatt hour of electricity generated. Now it has revised that figure to 430 grams following discussions with the Advertising Standards Authority. Experts had calculated that 50,000 wind turbines would be needed to generate 15% of Britain's electricity, to meet the EU target for a 20% reduction of CO2 emissions by 2020. However, the paper wrote that this new CO2 estimate would double the number of turbines needed.
- *European Voice* reports that José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, has reiterated calls for Bulgaria to improve its performance in fighting **corruption** & managing EU money, warning that he would not allow people to "play politics" with EU funds. The Commission has frozen a total of €486m of Bulgaria's EU funding because of concerns over maladministration & corruption. [Pot, kettle & black? Ed.]

## FOR YOUR DIARY

### THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2009 @ 7.30pm onwards – FIRST-THURSDAY MEETING:

**THE FIRST THURSDAY SHOULD BE HELD ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY, HOWEVER WE CONSIDER THAT TO BE A FAMILY DAY SO HAVE POSTPONED IT FOR 7 DAYS and RESCHEDULED IT FOR THE 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY.**

North Dorset Branch Library and minishop available at this meeting. Our regular FIRST-THURSDAY evening get-together at the **Charlton Inn, Bournemouth Road, Charlton Marshall, DT11 9NH**. Our monthly 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. See you there.



### FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2009 – Public Meeting on ‘THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT’ @ 7.15 – 9pm to be held at The Corn Exchange, High East St, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1HF.

Speakers include Oliver Letwin Dorset West (Con) MP, Andy McKee (Local Environmentalist, Writer & Author), Robert Gould (Leader of West Dorset District Council) & Ron Bailey (Unlock Democracy and Local Works Campaign Director). [See text of newsletter for more information]



### THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2009 @ 7.30pm – FIRST-THURSDAY MEETING:

North Dorset Branch Library and minishop available at this meetings. Our regular FIRST-THURSDAY evening get-together at the **Charlton Inn, Bournemouth Road, Charlton Marshall, DT11 9NH**. Our monthly informal evening of food, drink and chat. Do one or all three! Tonight we are pleased to announce that our PPC/EUP candidate **GAWAIN TOWLER** is expected to travel from Brussels especially to chat with you and answer any questions you may have on any EU subject. 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. With elections less than 5 mths away do not miss this opportunity to meet and talk to **your** candidate.



### SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2009 – BOURNEMOUH EAST UKIP AGM @ St. Nicholas Church, Broadway.



Time to be advised. Guest of Honour Earl of Dartmouth, one of our UKIP peers in the House of Lords and Euro M.P. candidate. Merchandise and refreshments available. More details next month, but don't miss it. The Church hall is situated on the Broadway, the road approaching Hengistbury Head, Southbourne, BH6 4EP.

#### Advance Notice:

### THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2008 - UKIP SOUTH DORSET - PUBLIC MEETING @ 7.30pm

Come to the Mowlem Theatre, Swanage, BH19 1DD on the 30th April 2009. Topic and Speakers to be announced. Contact Mike Hobson 01929 439099.



#### 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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