

# UKIP UK Independence Party

*It's Time We Governed Ourselves*

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Wow – weren't we lucky with the weather? Snow, snow, snow then clear for the First-Thursday meeting, then snow, floods etc! A good crowd enjoyed a full evening of listening in congenial surroundings to Gawain Towler talk on about every relevant UKIP, EU and press subject. Members from various branches were able to ask any question they could think of and get good straight answers – now you don't get that in the EUP or Westminster!! We were able to welcome three new faces to the First-Thursday proceedings, and we hope that they were suitably impressed with Gawain and with UKIP. It is difficult not to be when we have truth and common sense on our side – all backed up with sound policies. The evening finished abruptly as nearly everyone pilled out of the pub to get home in time to watch Nigel Farage excel on



QuestionTime! What a perfect UKIP evening! Thanks to all who came out on that winter's evening. Their effort was well rewarded with an excellent performance from our Westminster and EUP candidate. A special thank you to Gawain for travelling especially from Strasburg at considerable personal expense and time. Additional thanks goes to John Myers who reminded us by quoting from Thomas Jefferson that history uncannily repeats itself. See pg 3 for more.

Sorry to nag – but! We still need more members to stand in the **County Council Elections** in June. We currently have three potential candidates but need a further dozen. If necessary we can help you with your forms.



Would any more of our District Council candidates from 2007 like to give it another go? No more work involved than last time. Currently we have no one north of Wimborne! 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 2007 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 who knows?], but that is not the point. We must provide every opportunity for the electorate to vote for us and to see us on their voting cards. We have not and will not go away. If you want to be elected, after all it is paid employment, start canvassing now. Candidates and assenters must be on the Electoral Roll and candidates be members of UKIP, with the assenters living in the division. [JLB can help with this]

On the subject of elections – now is the time to consider whether you are going to be away on June 4<sup>th</sup> or whether you are unable to get to your voting station. In either case you will need to register if you have not already done so. A **proxy** vote enables someone else to vote for you. A **postal** vote lets you vote before you go away. An elector acting as your Proxy can vote on behalf of a maximum of two persons unless they are related to you, in which case there is no limit to the number of proxy votes they can place. You must be able to give a good reason for applying for a proxy vote [e.g. on holiday or infirm etc]. You can apply for either online at <http://www.direct.gov.uk> and follow the link to 'government, citizens and rights' then 'Register to vote', x2 then in the 'How to vote' box select either Proxy or Postal. Otherwise contact your local council at Norden, Blandford Forum [North Dorset] or Furzehill, Wimborne [East Dorset]. Do it now!!!

It is time for our **Annual General Meeting**. This year there will be something different about it. We are holding it jointly with the Bournemouth West branch. To be held at the excellent Pimperne Village Hall on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 09. Guest speaker will be Gawain Towler, so those of you who missed him at the February First Thursday will have the opportunity to hear, see and question your PPC and MEP list candidate. His knowledge is almost unrivalled within UKIP and we are extremely lucky to have him as our candidate. Time also to consider helping your branch by standing for the committee. It should be noted that two of the current committee wish for personal reasons to stand down this time, [one due to ill-health and the other has moved far from the area] thus we need two to replace them, and at least another two to get more things done. It is as onerous as you wish it to be. This is your opportunity to drive UKIP forward at this important time. Tea, coffee and cakes etc will be served from 10am with the official business taking place at from 10.45am and the raffle being drawn as soon after 12 noon as possible. The Branch Library [including reference and displays], Branch Shop and various free publications will be available before and after the meeting. Hall to be vacated by 1pm. If



you can assist in the setting up and catering please let JLB know and aim to arrive as soon after 9am as possible. Free parking and level entrance. Seating for as many as we need [100?!!].



A Point of Interest: The **Crown Estate** made a profit of £211m last year. Concurrently the Queen's Treasurer made an appeal for an extra £4m for urgent repairs to Buckingham Palace. Bizarre? What is rarely reported is that the Queen receives not a penny from profits on the Crown Estate, which go directly into Gordon Brown's Treasury. AH!

The Bournemouth Echo recently carried a story that the Crown Estates are applying for the necessary permissions for a huge **Wind Farm** south of a line between Old Harry Rocks and the Needles. Originally planned for Lyme Bay, the proposals, which are said to be at an advanced state, are for 100 giant turbines about 10 miles south of the coastline costing £175m. Unfortunately the local councils of Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Purbecks are unhappy at not been consulted.

Those of you in the private sector, and are wondering how to get by in these difficult times might like to know that a quarter of your Council Tax is used to subsidise the **pensions** of local authority workers. The bill has risen by 8% over the year to a total of £5b. This information comes from the Department for Communities and Local Government. Public sector workers still enjoy final salary schemes whilst the private sector has now closed them to new staff.

**More links than usual this month:-**

- If you like conspiracy theories you will like this site with its many links: <http://drlesdove.vox.com>
- Broadminded & fed up with the nanny state? : <http://nannyknowsbest.blogspot.com>
- Czech President Vaclav Klaus on global warming: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y2zHS7TPoxA>
- and on the Lisbon Treaty: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqJEWaGFk9Q>
- Nigel Farage's comments on that speech: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7KjNJPSEImU&NR=1>

The results are in for the **NEC elections** that were held recently. Results as follows:

| Congratulations to those who have been successful      |            |                 |            |              |            |
|--|------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| 1. R.Oxley   | 3699 votes | 2. A.Bown       | 3369 votes | 3. W.Harling | 3250 votes |
| 4. A.Moncrieff   | 3162 votes | 5. P.Griffiths  | 3088 votes | 6. G.Curtis  | 2935 votes |
| And commiserations to those who have been unsuccessful |            |                 |            |              |            |
| 7. P.Henke   | 2864 votes | 8. T. Durrance  | 2385 votes | 9. J.Wallace | 2256 votes |
| 10. E.Parker   | 2130 votes | 11.M Greenhough | 2026 votes |              |            |

Former UKIP, now independent, southeast MEP Ashley Mote has lodged an **appeal** with the Criminal Cases Review Commission. A new legal team has examined the case and concluded that his convictions for fraud are unsafe. More details on his Website [www.ashleymote.co.uk](http://www.ashleymote.co.uk) . We wish him every success.

The recession is blamed for the planned cut in **Police jobs** at a time when crime is likely to surge because of it. Dorset is expected to loose 50 officers in a reduction said to be 'significant and painful' and amounting to thousands nationwide. The sceptical amongst us might say that the traditional force is being purposely reduced so the government can 'genuinely' call upon the Eurogendarmerie and Europol to fill the gaps.

**Lord Ahmed** has received his comeuppance! The Labour [now ex-Labour] Lord has been convicted of dangerous driving by way of sending lengthy texts whilst driving on the M1, minutes before ploughing into a stationery vehicle killing the driver. He is expected to serve just 6 weeks of his 12 weeks sentence. Lord Ahmed recently threatened to get 10,000 Muslim protesters to demonstrate outside the House of Lords when UKIP Lord Pearson of Rannoch was due to host the Dutch MP Gert Wilders at a showing of his film 'Fitna' there. The film attempts to show how the Koran is being used by extremists to justify violence such as the 9/11 atrocity. Mr. Wilders was denied entry to the UK by our weak Home Secretary in an obvious case of appeasement of militants hostile to the UK. Some commentators have argued that this threat confirms what Mr Wilders maintains in his film. 'Fitna' is available for anyone to see on YouTube. Beware of other 'versions'.

France and Italy have signed an agreement on the development of nuclear energy that will result in Italy building nuclear power stations for the first time ever. Maybe the UK should join with them to avoid the construction of a plethora of wind turbines that are forecast for the UK.

The **German courts** are still considering whether, after the ratification of the Treaty Lisbon, German law would be subservient to Eu law. The eight judges are due to report in May or June. However it is thought that the German government will find a way to ratify the treaty regardless of the outcome, paving the way for the remaining states within the Eu to ratify it and thus bringing it into force across the Eu.

As we haven't brought you a piece from Gawain this month [after the last First-Thursday we don't want too much of a good thing!] and spurred on by John Myers' quotes from Thomas Jefferson we show a few examples of his wisdom and foresight [T.J.'s, not J.M.'s or G.T.'s although the latter two are no doubt just as talented!]:

- ❖ *Experience hath shewn, that even under the best forms of government those entrusted with power have, in time, and by slow operations, perverted it into tyranny.*
- ❖ *How much pain they have cost us, the evils which have never happened.*
- ❖ *I do not take a single newspaper, nor read one a month, and I feel myself infinitely the happier for it.*
- ❖ *Information is the currency of democracy.*
- ❖ *It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world.*
- ❖ *It takes time to persuade men to do even what is for their own good. [Standing in County Council elections and taking positions on the committee?!! Ed]*
- ❖ *Liberty is to the collective body, what health is to every individual body. Without health no pleasure can be tasted by man; without liberty, no happiness can be enjoyed by society.*
- ❖ *My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government.*
- ❖ *Our country is now taking so steady a course as to show by what road it will pass to destruction, to wit: by consolidation of power first, and then corruption, its necessary consequence.*

Just a small but important **reminder** – if you are considering making a donation to the branch could we respectfully request that it be made soon, as we are well short of our £1,000 target and we need funds to purchase advertising material now in time for the various elections. There are continuing rumours that there might even be a General Election later this year. We have to be prepared, as Lord Baden Powell must have said sometime! Cheques payable to 'Dorset North UKIP' and sent to JLB will be most welcome! Thanks to those who have already obliged – we are indebted to you and appreciate your contributions.

Whilst on the subject of reminders – If you have a plastic **Drivers Licence** be aware that it only lasts for 10 yrs. The date is given on it. Fines for not surrendering or renewing it are up to £1,000.00. Take care!

#### What the papers say:

- In an interview with *Le Monde* about France's reintegration into **NATO**, French Defence Minister Hervé Morin says, "The construction of a European defence is our ambition... With this step, we wish to Europeanise NATO." He also indicates that there will be no referendum in France on rejoining NATO, and rules out sending more troops to Afghanistan for the moment.
- According to *ANP*, Dutch retailers have protested to their government against EU **import duties**, saying that "in the name of antidumping, the crisis and saving jobs, one duty after another is being installed. Especially China is being targeted, but also products from Australia and the US are being made unnecessarily expensive", adding that "the consumer pays a higher price".
- In a letter to the *Times*, former Commonwealth Deputy Secretary-General Sir Peter Marshall argues that "Like the rejected constitutional treaty that it so closely resembles, the straitjacket **Lisbon Treaty** has become part of the problem rather than part of the solution, a sobering truth that would by now have been accepted by bodies less self-absorbed, and less seemingly deaf to constructive questioning of prevailing orthodoxies, than the institutions of the European Union."
- The *FT* reports that German business confidence has fallen to its lowest level for at least 18 years after a decline in industrial orders late last year. *FT Deutschland* notes that German politicians are "desperate". Meanwhile, the *Telegraph* reports that the cost of bankruptcy protection on German debt has reached an all-time high as a result of spill-over from the financial crisis in eastern Europe and mounting concerns about the stability of Germany's banking system. Hans Redeker, Currency Chief at BNP Paribas, is quoted saying: "the markets have started to price in a de facto bail-out of Eastern Europe and they think that Germany will have to pay the bill." [Nice to know we are not alone with our troubles – could not happen to a nicer ally. Ed]
- The European Ombudsman has upheld a complaint by Scottish fishermen against the European Commission for an administrative error that reduced the number of days they could spend at sea. The mistake was included in a 2007 Council ruling that reduced the west of Scotland allocation from 280 to 250 days according to the *BBC*. *European Voice* reports that the Commission "immediately denied" any error had taken place, and it has until April to respond.

#### Obituary

We regret to announce that **Elisabeth Beckett** has died in Penrith, Cumbria aged 84 yrs. on the 7<sup>th</sup> February after a hard-fought battle against Leukaemia. 'Champion of the British Constitution and fearless advocate of Liberty and Justice.' <http://www.namastepublishing.co.uk/Tribute%20to%20Elisabeth%20Beckett.htm> for more information.

#### Lost Property

Found at the Charlton Inn after the last First Thursday meeting: Woollen **hat** plus **gloves** – Contact JLB to get them back.



## FOR YOUR DIARY

**Do you need transport to get to a meeting? Or can you provide transport to a meeting? Please contact John Baxter a.s.a.p. so he can liaise. Especially needed for the First-Thursdays meetings & AGM**

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

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 any 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.



### SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009 @ 10.45am - UKIPS DORSET NORTH and BOURNEMOUTH WEST AGM @

#### Pimperne Village Hall, Pimperne, nr Blandford Forum DT11 8UB



This year we have joined with Bournemouth West to hold our two Annual General Meetings concurrently to approve accounts, elect the new committees, and give you a chance to find out the latest in all things UKIP; obtain loads of free literature; have access to UKIP merchandise at specially low AGM prices and inspect and borrow from the library. For those who missed his recent First Thursday address the Special Guest speaker will be Gawain Towler, our PPC and no.3 MEP candidate, Press

Officer for the ID Group. Refreshments served before and after. Please do come and see us – it should not be a stuffy, boring meeting! Come and have a morning out with a coffee and cake!

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### SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009 – SOUTH WEST UKIP RALLY @ THE GREAT HALL, EXETER

UNIVERSITY, Stocker Road, Exeter, Devon, EX4 4PY. See and hear all the leading lights of UKIP South West and no doubt many other luminaries. Full details yet to be announced although highlights will include the **NATIONAL EURO ELECTION CAMPAIGN LAUNCH** A not to be missed annual event. Especially important in election year. If stuck for transport contact JLB.



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

Another for your diary. Come to the Mowlem Theatre [left], Swanage, BH19 1DD on the 30th April 2009. Speakers so far include Tim Aker of the Taxpayers Alliance, Prospective UKIP MEP Marta Andreasen and Trevor Colman UKIP MEP. Contact Mike Hobson 01929 439099.

### WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009 @ 7pm– The FREEDOM ASSOCIATION INORGRIAL MEETING IN THE EVENING

At the Wessex Hotel, West Cliff, Bournemouth. Dorset Branch Chairman Pam McAlister. Big name speaker. Details TBA later.

#### Advance Notice: - TABLE TOP SALE at the Priory Hall, Christchurch.

On behalf of our friends the newly formed Dorset Branch of The Freedom Association. Date and details to be to be advised.

#### 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 Wednesday 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 Jenny Wood on 01722 744814 for further details of the next meeting. The Green Dragon may in part be the original Blue Dragon in Charles Dickens's 'Martin Chuzzlewit.'



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#### 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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<http://www.youngindependence.org/>

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