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It's Time We Governed Ourselves

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The elections are upon us. Most of the newspapers and leaflets have hit the mats they were design for, our legs are screaming in agony, our feet need hospital treatment and our shoes all need throwing out and replacing! Some 7,000 copies of Dorset UKIP News have been distributed with a huge volume of leaflets, booklets and responder packs, totalling nearly 20,000 in all. With two sets of Head Office leaflets distributed by the Post Office, countless TV and radio appearances by our UKIP personalities, not to mention numerous news items on the [yes!] BBC, plus all the public meetings around the country, advertisements in newspapers, on buses and billboards, there can be no excuse for anyone in the country not to have heard of us, and to have some knowledge of what we stand for. The next few days are going to be nerve-wracking and exciting. They also will give a very good pointer as to where we as a party are heading.

PLEASE NOTE: As a result of the election being held on the 4th June we have moved the date of the First-Thursdays evening to the 11th June.

The recent **opinion polls** [at time of writing] now indicate that UKIP is second behind the Tories with about 20% of the vote, and a second one indicated a higher level of support, This is an amazing increase from the 7% starting point in January. Government sleaze bodes well for us all! Similarly a recent by-election for a District Councillor produced an amazing 32% for UKIP. There may well be some paper candidates in for a shock!!!



We are pleased to have had a small late surge of **candidates** for the County Council Elections. These are the brave bods who have put their heads above the parapet!

Bob Pilkington in the Winterbornes

Alan Kewley in Blackmore Vale

John Myers in Colehill and Staphell

John & David Baxter in Ferndown.

We are sorry that no one came forward to stand in the other divisions in time. We had hoped to have had a full card of paper candidates, but we are nine short. Better than some areas such as West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland where there are no candidates at all [18 uncovered seats], but we are shown up by Christchurch who have filled all seats. Results will be on our website and that of Bournemouth West, and in our next issue.

Much has been made of the **BNP** threat. However it is interesting to note that in the whole of the Dorset County Council elections there is just one candidate from that 'esteemed' party, and that is in the Christchurch division of Burton Grange. Good luck to the UKIP candidate there, Simon Boyd. This will be particularly interesting. Of course they have six candidates in the concurrent EUP elections, the maximum possible in common with most parties.

Of course Good Luck to all those standing for us in Dorset North, the neighbouring areas, the South West and of course nationally, whether County Council candidates or the European Parliament candidates.



A special good luck to Gawain Towler, third on the EUP SW list, who is 'our' man! Let's hope he is about to have a new job in Brussels – lucky chap!!

Can we just make mention of all the kind people who have allowed us to put our eye-catching estate agency type boards and even our larger 4ft & 8ft ones on their properties, not forgetting all the window and car stickers? No-one can fail to notice the quantity of these very important advertising aids. They are so crucial in raising awareness in our party. They have been targeted presumably by the less reputable fans of other parties – many being wrecked or simply removed in their entirety. At least they managed to keep JLB and others busy refixing or replacing them. Luckily leafleting did not suffer too much as there was an excellent group of people helping on that front.

We must pay tribute to this band of **dedicated leafleters** who have done such a sterling job in getting so much material out of storage to places where they will be seen, read and inwardly digested! Without you we would have not reinforced the other advertising methods already mentioned, and our message would not have sunk in as well as it has. We list Christian names only to avoid embarrassment! Thanks go to Eric, Keith, Clive [and son and friend], Colin, Mike, Phil, John, Ann, Alan & Allan, Dave & Jo, Tom & Stella, Thelma and especially Shullah and Ken. Our apologies to anyone else who should be here that we have in our exhaustion forgotten to include. Thanks to you all for helping so willingly and generously. On the subject of generosity thanks must also go to those who have donated to the branch to enable us to function and fight the elections in the way we have. We salute you all. We just hope that the results on the 5th and the 9th bear testimony to your considerable efforts. We thank those from neighbouring branches and committees who have supported us and helped in so many ways.



Finally, we must also add our thanks to another group of people without whom we would have achieved next to nothing. We refer to **Head Office** and all their helpers. They have managed an excellent campaign producing the leaflets we needed, the professional broadcasts, advertising, articles, websites and back up that the branches have received in so many ways. Difficult to single out anyone in particular except Alan Wood [not strictly head office as he is based in Devizes] who created and advised the DNOs and answered a plethora of questions, both sensible and completely mad!

On an allied but slightly different tack we have, if you will bear with us, one more big thank you to make. **Malcolm and Jenny Wood**, from the Salisbury branch and Head Office, have for many years been the backbone of South West UKIP and backup for your committee. Indeed they managed to help it get chosen in a ground floor meeting room in Blandford four years ago and nurtured a very timid Chairman [who did not want to be chairman!] enabling a successful branch to be created. Not only can Dorset North be thankful for their support, but all branches in the South West. The work load must have been extraordinary but they have always been on hand to sort problems, attend events and give valuable advice. The successful Exeter rallies, such as the one reported upon in the next paragraph, have been organised by the Woods. Jenny and Malcolm are standing down after more years than they would care to remember and we wish them every happiness in their 'retirement'. We expect they will never be far from UKIP. Your Chairman is especially appreciative! The photo was taken at the Exeter Rally after an onstage appreciation and presentation was made.



Link of the month:

Can we please remind you that our own branch website is now up and running and has more to see within it?

Thanks to Alex McKee and David Baxter. www.ukipdorsetnorth.org.uk

We threatened you last month to continue the report on the **Exeter Rally** held in April. We covered the morning session in our last issue, now is the turn of the afternoon speakers. We will be as brief as possible due to the elections.

The afternoon session kicked off with Press Officer **Clive Page** claiming UKIP was now receiving good coverage on the BBC. **Steve Allison**, the UKIP Campaign Director, described the detail of the components of the election campaigns. **David Campbell Bannerman**, Deputy Party Leader, explained what needed to be emphasised during the election – The Euro; Lisbon Treaty; the 55% BBC Poll; cost of membership of the EU; immigration and jobs; lack of Democracy – and much more. Young Independence [YI] was represented by **Peter Reeve** and **Harry Aldridge**. Peter mentioned Michael Heaver's excellent performance on QuestionTime which resulted in a record number of new members. YI initiatives included Newsletters, 18th Birthday cards, and First Time voter letters. Two YI members Lisa Duffy and Wayne Harding had been voted onto the NEC, and 2 MEP candidates were also YI members. Peter also reminded us that the UKIP candidate came a close second in the recent Huntington by-election. Harry Aldridge also stated that in 2004 UKIP did well, faded and now 'We are back – the signs are good'.

After a large number of our candidates for the EUP election paraded on stage to considerable applause, one of them, **Stephanie McWilliams**, under the title of 'Common sense is the test' quoted examples such as the EU requirement for windscreen wipers on tractors [Directive 2008/2/EC]. A second referred to two 13yr old girls travelling on a bus when older girls taunted them and beat up one of them called Jasmine. No-one lifted a finger to help. The passengers were afraid of acting, considering it a 'Police matter'; the driver similarly worried of incorrect 'Procedures.' 'We are living in a tickbox culture'... 'and need to return to a Commonsense culture.'

Our long successful Councillor **Alan Wood** from Devizes, hoping to make it 4 in a row, informed us that Wiltshire is fielding over 50 candidates in the CC elections, against 3 last time – Devizes had a full card of 18. Having CC candidates helps to raise the awareness of the European candidates, and in all there are 472 CC seats available in the SW. Their importance should not be overlooked. Alan is also SW 5th MEP candidate. **Dr Julia Read**, a research Biochemist and MEP candidate, pleaded that British Enterprise should be set free. She quoted the recent steam engine, Tornado, now built and running equally efficiently as the electric/diesels on our railways. She referred to the 30 mile rule for drivers [Health & Safety!] and cited that the company Russell Scientific Instruments is in danger of closing due the ban of the use of carefully recycled Mercury in their barometers etc, even though the EU had introduced Mercury filled imported light-bulbs.

Dorset's own son **Gawain Towler**, Press Officer, PPC for Westminster, and no. 3 candidate on the SW list of MEP candidates, spoke on countering the Brain washing by the EU. Since 1979 there had been a complete collapse of turnout figures, which leads to the questioning of future legitimacy of the EU project. The EU is spending €200 million to persuade people to vote. This includes Posters in the London Underground; a media website costing €6m to set up and €2m a year to run; Regional and works councils have been formed; and perhaps worst of all is Team Europe. This has been set up to teach selected people how to promote EU agendas for professional people, such as Doctors and Lecturers. Non-governmental organizations (NGO) such as Oxfam have to tow governmental lines to obtain their funding [in Oxfam's case 80%]. Gawain also advised Ukippers to keep an eye on letter writers to the press who are passionate about the EU.

William, Earl of Dartmouth is also a MEP candidate and former Tory member of the House of Lords and spoke of our political heritage. Eurosceptic noises are as usual being made by the Tories just prior to the elections. However they are the party that got the UK into the EU, through Heath, the 1986 Single European Act, the 1992 Treaty of Maastricht, and the Exchange mechanism. Cameron continues to push the view "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" about the EU, refusing all debate on the subject. He even brought back Ken Clarke 'due' to the recession – a fanatical Europhile. The Tories cannot be trusted and their MEPs have gone native, and have been effectively gagged. Possible immigration to the UK is possible for 450million people, all who may work, live and receive benefits here. Brown's 'British Jobs for British Workers' just cannot be delivered whilst in the EU. Angling, garages, Human Rights Act, light-bulbs and other EU measures all impinge on every portion of our lives – all working against our people and our businesses. Can we fight and win? To borrow from another political leader : 'Yes We Can!'

Trevor Coleman, who took over last year from the retiring MEP Graham Booth, spoke on our fight for survival. The Treaty of Nice better organised the enlargement of the EU, now standing at 27 countries and soon to increase again. The Lisbon Treaty was rejected by the Irish in a referendum, yet the EU is insisting they vote again this October to 'get it right'. Regulation and directives have been inflicted upon this country causing immense damage: The Post Office had been taken apart and all but destroyed; independent garages will soon be a thing of the past; H.I.Ps provide another tax on property owners; Electronic sheep tagging is impractical, useless and killing farming; Corpus Juris is being introduced piecemeal, with the safety of Habeas Corpus being dismantled; and with annual costs of the EU estimated to be £56m a year and rising, the fight for survival is on.

Finally Jeff Mager, Cornish County Chairman closed the rally with the presentation to Malcolm and Jenny Wood mentioned above. As well as the beautiful flowers, travel vouchers were also presented as he thanked the hard working couple for their many years of devotion to UKIP in the SW, something echoed by all in the room.

News from here and there – a letter from Brussels

Well it seems that we can finally see the whites of the pro-European Union eyes. Wherever we look there are attacks on UKIP. David Cameron seems to be basing his campaign on attacking UKIP, the Lib/Dems have launched a similar attack, even the Greens, Labour and other assorted types have joined in. What could have brought this on? After all none of them are debating EU issues.

It is all very simple, when a letter arrives on your mat from the Tory party accusing UKIP of scandals, it is just to divert your attention away from the actions of their MEPs. For example in the South West alone, their MEP Caroline Jackson has paid £22,000 to her husband for producing a 12 page document; another, Giles Chichester, was forced to resign as Tory leader in Europe due to paying his family firm over £200,000.

It is why the Lib/Dems hardly mention Europe when they believe in every new regulation and imposition from Brussels, and Labour are impossible to find anywhere except for inaccurate attacks on Nigel Farage.

So what to do now? Well we must all talk to as many people as possible, the next door neighbour, the postman, the chap in the pub, people in the shop, anybody and everybody about UKIP.

The time is now and the door is ajar, all we need to do is push and it will swing open.

Yours as ever,

Gawain.

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



Whether individual MPs retire or not is more or less irrelevant. Since they are mostly rubber stamps, we can easily get more from the stationery cupboard.

From a friend's online journal.

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

FOR YOUR DIARY

THURSDAY 4TH JUNE 2009 – ALL DAY – ELECTION DAY IN A POLLING STATION NEAR YOU!

The day we are all looking forward to and working towards. The day of the European Parliamentary and County Council Elections. Be sure to vote. The future of UKIP and your branch is at stake – please encourage all friends, relatives and work colleagues and anyone you meet in the street to go and vote especially in the European Elections. **NO FIRST-THURSDAY TODAY – postponed to the 11th June.** **The following information may help you: Polling stations will be open across the county from 7am until 10pm on 4 June 2009. Voters will be given two ballot papers to fill in – one for the county council election and one for elections to the European Parliament [with 17 parties to choose from!]**



The county council one will be green, while the European election ballot paper will be yellow. People can vote for candidates in each election. Once the forms have been completed they will be put in the same ballot box. County Council results should be given on the 5th, the EUP on Sunday 7th.

FRIDAY 5th JUNE 2009 – 10 AM to Afternoon – COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTION VERIFICATION then COUNT.

East Dorset: The Hub, Brock Way, Verwood, BH31 6WW. Only candidates and those already notified may attend.

North Dorset: The Exchange, Old Market Hill, Sturminster Newton DT10 1QU. Only candidates & those notified may attend.

SUNDAY 7th JUNE 2009 - 5pm onwards - EUROPEAN ELECTION COUNT.

East Dorset: The Hub, Brock Way, Verwood, BH31 6WW. Only Candidates and those already notified may attend.

North Dorset: The Exchange, Old Market Hill, Sturminster Newton DT10 1QU. Only candidates & those notified may attend.

THURSDAY 11th June 2009 @ 7.30pm onwards – FIRST-THURSDAY MEETING:

Postponed from the Election Day. 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. No doubt tonight we will be going into the details of the election results and living with the implications! A spot-the-councillor evening?



THURSDAY 2nd JULY 2009 @ 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. See 11th June for fuller details.



SATURDAY 11th JULY 2009 - an afternoon GARDEN PARTY CELEBRATION:

By way of a thank you to the candidates and helpers of the recent elections we are holding a garden party [house party if wet!] at the home of the Dorset North Chairman. A joint event with Bournemouth West. Fuller details will be in next month's newsletter and on Bournemouth West's and Dorset North's websites. £tba.

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



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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 even get to meet the legendary John Kelly!



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