



UK Independence Party

It's Time We Governed Ourselves

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Wow, those elections are over – the results are in and UKIP did ‘good’! Although none in Dorset there are now 8 new UKIP County Councillors, and Wales has its first UKIP MEP, 1 of a record 13 nationwide. Nationally, nearly 2.5 million voters [2,498,226 – 16.5%] have placed us as the second British party behind only the Tories [4,198,394] in the EUP. The ‘ruling’ Labour Party are a disgraceful and disgraced 3rd [2,381,760] just in front of the Lib-Dems. [2,080,613]. In our own region [ouch – that word again], the South West voters treated Labour with even more disdain placing them a miserable 5th [118,716], with the Greens 4th [144,179], the Lib-Dems 3rd [266,253], and UKIP a healthy second [341,845 – 22.10%] behind the Tories [468,742]. In North Dorset, we again came second [5003 – 22.29%] to the Tories [7960 – 35.47%]. Deliciously, Labour came 5th with a humble 723 votes [3.22%], also behind the Lib-Dems [4511 – 20.10%] and the Greens [1905 – 8.49%]. Doesn’t this bode well for the General Election when the minority anti-eu parties are unlikely to stand?

2 of our 13 MEPs are in the South West, the same number as before, making Trevor Coleman [left] and William, Earl of Dartmouth [right] our MEPs. Regrettably Wimborne’s own Gawain Towler just failed to get elected, but is now first reserve. Congratulations to all successful candidates. Long may they serve us - unless they can get us out of the accursed EU quicker than that! How’s that for incentive?



It is interesting to note that turnout was very much lower than last time, from around 71% to 43%, and our vote came marginally down, from approximately 2.7m to 2.5m. But then, so did most other main parties. Additionally many new parties stood this time helping to distort the figures [think English Democrats; No2 EU, Yes to democracy; Libertas; Pensioners Party; UK first – a seemingly endless list] making our result surprisingly good.

At County Council level, although 8 were elected nationally, we in Dorset unfortunately did not field many candidates. Where we did the results certainly stirred up the so called main stream candidates.

In Dorset North **Bob Pilkington** in the Winterbornes achieved a super 16.93% with 573 votes, knocking Labour into 4th with just 175 causing the Western Gazette to report: *“In Winterborne, Hilary Cox, deputy leader of the county council Conservative group, was also re-elected with an increased majority, despite UKIP candidate Bob Pilkington taking nearly 17 per cent of the vote.”* **Alan Kewley** in Blackmore Vale also caused damage! His 483 [12.87%] again dumped Labour into 4th [just 79 votes, 2.1%], there being only about 250 votes between Tories [2nd] and Lib-Dems [1st]. This caused Dorset County Council leader Angus Campbell who topped the poll in the nearby Hambledon Division to say: *“I am very pleased to have increased my own majority on a lower turnout, but disappointed that the intervention of UKIP, particularly in the Blackmore Vale division, has had such an impact.”* [As reported in the Western Gazette.] We are on the right track.

In the East Dorset seats that were formally in Dorset North, **John Myers** in Colehill and Stapehill came a creditable 3rd with 539 votes [15%] with Labour again taking the booby prize with only 100 votes! The difference between Lib-Dems [1486] and the Tories [1429] was miniscule. **John & David Baxter** in the double seat of Ferndown both only came behind the two established Tories whose votes plummeted from over 5000 to 3575 and 3460. David scored the better with 1780 [about 28%] and his old man trailing with 1691 [26.8%]! The Lib-Dems had 873 & 913, and Labour, a single candidate, just 368. Again, well done to all.

The highest percentage achieved in Dorset was by Christchurch’s **Ric Johnson** who managed to poll nearly 30%, only behind the successful Tory. He is at it again in mid July when he stands as a Town Councillor in Portfield, Christchurch. He is a fighter with a full campaign and we wish him well.

If you want the full gory details of the votes, positions, other parties locally and nationally just asked JLB to send you a set or check out the Dorset North website. [Yet to be posted there due to a Technical hitch].

Hopefully many of the County Council candidates and PPCs will be at our **Election Celebration** Garden Party to be held at Greenacres, Longham [JLB’s home] in the afternoon of Saturday 11th July, regardless of the weather! We hope to have a great wet weather facility so you can dodge the torrential rain of an English Summer or avoid the direct rays of the heatwave fresh from Africa! Starting at 2.30pm there will be welcoming drinks and canapés, followed by a full cream tea with cakes etc, and then sandwiches and other delicacies such as strawberries and cream. There will be a small charge for all this luxury [£7] as it is doubling as a General Election campaign launch



and fundraiser. During the afternoon there will be other 'fun' activities afoot which will remain secret until the day! Trevor Coleman MEP will be attending and we look forward to a good attendance by Dorset North members.

It is basically a Dorset North and Bournemouth West production but is of course open to all activists, members, leafletters, friends, relatives etc. from all the local branches in Christchurch, Bournemouth, Poole and Purbeck [even further afield if you wish]. All are therefore welcome but do please ring/email JLB to say you are definitely coming, although you will be relieved of your £7 by stealthy fingers at the door! We do need numbers in advance for catering and logistic purposes. Yes – that means you!!! So please telephone JLB on 01202 897884 or email on john@ukipdorsetnorth.org.uk as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. [Ed: at 27.06.09 numbers are already breaking over the 50 – so book very soon.]

However all this success and celebration does not mean that we can be complacent. The **General Election** can be called at any time and we must be 100% ready. To my knowledge all local Constituencies have already chosen their Westminster Prospective [until the election is called] Parliamentary Candidates [PPCs] and we need to be ready to continue leafleting, delivering the latest Dorset UKIP News [Lisbon Special out early Sept] and then the Election Special, and any leaflets your PPC wants you to. Signs must be ready to go up the second the election is called [hope you still have yours from the recent election – if not more are available]. And much more is needed – not forgetting a good fighting fund for each branch. So please support the 'Celebration', and make as generous donations as possible, as soon as possible. I do hate to discuss monetary things but these elections are expensive to fight, with deposits we must not lose, and advertising and printing costs looming large. Enough said – for now.



So on to other things.

Links of the month:

- 1/ The Financial Times article of William Dartmouth's June Ferndown Visit: <http://alturl.com/uqur>
- 2/ Thanks from Trevor Coleman: <http://alturl.com/fnb3>
- 3/ EU plans for Finance and Ireland: <http://alturl.com/xyyy>

Campaign of the month:

The campaign against the Home Office's restrictions on non-EU artists and academics has gained huge momentum since it was launched on 22 February 2009. Visit <http://alturl.com/n8pg> for more information or sign their petition at <http://alturl.com/o73c>. Artists already affected include Canadian musician/singer-songwriter Allison Crowe who was deported after being detained for 9 hours at Gatwick at the beginning of her European Tour in May. She then bypassed the UK and continued her tour scrapping all UK performances, her passport stamped 'refused entry to UK' like a criminal's.



"The burka is not a religious problem, it's a question of liberty and women's dignity. It's not a religious symbol, but a sign of subservience and debasement. I want to say solemnly, the burka is not welcome in France. In our country, we can't accept women prisoners behind a screen, cut off from all social life, deprived of all identity. That is not our idea of freedom." It is not often we applaud anything said by Nicolas Sarkozy, but this is a rare exception. Can you imagine Mr G. Brown coming up with this? The quotation is taken from Nicolas Sarkozy's first state of the nation address to France's two chambers, the National Assembly and the Senate in Versailles.

News from here and there - a letter from Brussels:

So there it is, an amazing result for UKIP and all down, or at least mostly down – we have to give some credit to the incompetence of the Government and the opposition - to the hard work of UKIP members.

Best results of the night for me were knocking the Government into third place, keeping and consolidating the two seats in the South Western Counties, winning a seat in Wales, which at a stroke destroyed any claims of 'little Englander', and best of all the results for the local council candidates in North Dorset. To put the wind of God up the complacent local Tories was a pleasure to behold. So a huge congratulations goes out to Alan Kewley and Robert Pilkington. For us here in North Dorset they were amazing results and will give us a great platform to produce an upset of the highest order next year, or whenever Brown finally goes to the country.

It cannot happen a moment too soon.

By the way, I was told that a friend had decided to vote for a fringe party in Dorset. "Oh yes" I asked, "which one?" "The Labour Party" he said gloomily.

Yours as ever,

Gawain.

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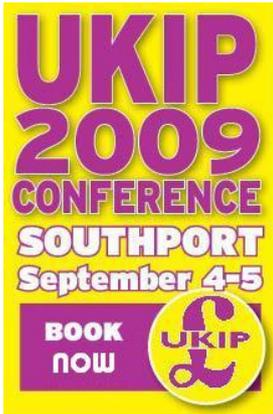
In the Czech Republic, as we know, **President Vaclav Klaus** has expressed that he wishes to wait for Ireland, Poland and Germany to ratify the Lisbon Treaty before he signs it. However his party, the Czech Social Democrat Party is threatening to suspend him, and allow caretaker Prime Minister Jan Fischer to sign the treaty, as it has



already been ratified by the Parliament and Senate. Apparently it would only take the smallest majority of senators to temporarily suspend him. President Klaus is also waiting for the Constitutional Court to arrive at a decision as to whether the Treaty is compatible with the Czech Constitutions, a verdict due in September. The idea of suspension is not popular with all, and it is believed that the majority necessary to remove him may not be attainable.

One of the main policy ideas mooted by the Conservatives as a General Election sweetener is the abolition of Labour's **ID card scheme**, saying it is unwanted and expensive. They are quite correct on both counts. However they seem not to have noted that it is an EU requirement that such a scheme is in place by 2010 in this country. How will Cameron slide out of this, especially as the cards are already being issued for some categories of migrants etc?

On a similar topic, the European Commission has proposed to set up a new agency to oversee all its large-scale IT systems, thereby bringing together management of three key systems - the **Schengen Information System**, **Visa Information System** and **Eurodac** - plus other related applications, into a single operational structure. *Webwereld* reports that human right groups have expressed fears for big brother implications, as this would mean that data on all 500 million European Union citizens and all illegal migrants would be merged into a database for "freedom and security". The cost of the system would be €113 million in the first 3 years, and €10 million per year thereafter.



Details of the **2009 UKIP Annual Conference** have been announced. After the resounding success of the Bournemouth conference last year, it is only fair that this year's is held in the North of England. The conference takes place at the new Theatre and Convention Centre on the Promenade, Southport, Lancashire, PR9 0DZ, and is a first class venue. The advice is to book early both for conference and accommodation.



Details as follows:

To be held on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th September 2009. A 2-Day Conference Ticket costs £25, a 1-day Conference Ticket is £15.

The Party Chairman's Reception Party on Thursday 3rd September from 8pm with entertainment provided is £12.50. Party Leader's Buffet Lunch on Friday 4th September between 1pm - 2pm is £12.50. Party Conference Dinner on Friday 4th September at 7pm - Dinner and entertainment provided - £25. Accommodation details from <http://www.visitsouthport.com/> or 01704 533333.

NB. Numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Book on line: <http://alturl.com/5jpg>

We currently have no details as to how to book in other more traditional ways.

The Southport local paper, the Southport visitor has already proudly featured UKIP's choice of venue. Read what they say here: <http://alturl.com/2xog>

What the papers say:

- *El Mundo* reports that the European Ministers from Spain, Belgium and Hungary have met in Madrid to outline plans to work together on a triple presidency (troika) between 1 January 2010 and 30 June 2011, when each country will preside over the EU for six months, if the Lisbon Treaty hasn't come into force. Spanish EU Minister López Garrido argued that "Europe must lead the fight against climate change", emphasising the EU's target of reducing CO2 emissions by 20 percent before 2020. He added that "it is a great opportunity to start a green economy, create more employment, new technologies and another way of living".
- The *Wall Street Journal* reports that EU officials are creating operating guidelines for a number of different social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace to promote compliance with EU regulations on 'privacy laws' governing users' personal information.
- According to the *Belfast Telegraph*, EU Commissioner Charlie McCreevy has admitted that the Lisbon Treaty would have been rejected in most member states if it had been put to a public vote, and that many EU leaders were glad they had no legal obligation to hold referendums on the treaty in their own countries.
- The *FT* and the front page of the *Express* report that British workers could see pensions cut up to 20 percent under the EU's proposed Solvency II rules that govern insurance company capital requirements, and are set to be introduced in 2012. The rules would oblige insurers to be more aggressive in marking annuity liabilities to the market, increasing volatility on balance sheets and forcing them to raise the level of capital that they hold. Insurers are likely to pass on resulting added costs to pensioners, according to the *FT*. The rules were passed by the EUP in April this year.
- Writing in the *Sunday Telegraph*, Conservative MEP Daniel Hannan argued that "No one can doubt that Mandelson kept Gordon Brown in office...Lord Mandelson is destroying Labour for the sake of the EU. He is determined to prop up Gordon Brown until after the Irish referendum on the Lisbon Treaty, whatever the cost to his party" and that, "his first allegiance, these days, is to Brussels."

Talking of paper! An Appeal: As those with paper copies of the newsletter may well have noticed, we have printed this edition of our newsletter on 80gm paper instead of our usual 90gm. Can any reader come up with a regular supplier at a price we can afford as our usual supplies [£3.99] have dried up? If not 90gm we would be happy to use 100gm – who wouldn't!?? We need to redline the cost at around £5 a ream.

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 2nd JULY 2009 @ 7.30pm onwards – FIRST-THURSDAY MEETING:

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.



SATURDAY 11th JULY 2009 @ 2.30pm onwards - afternoon CELEBRATION GARDEN PARTY with a bit of fun! : NOT TO BE MISSED.



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. **All are welcome from any branch. But please do telephone/email JLB to reserve your place as numbers may have to be limited.** Loads of food and drink - Full details at foot of page 1 of this newsletter. Let's have a great big crowd to this event, esp as it is also the launch of the PPCs campaigns and a fund raiser. Trevor Coleman MEP should be there.

£7 on the door on the day.

THURSDAY 6th AUGUST 2009 @ 7.30pm onwards – FIRST-THURSDAY MEETING:

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SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST 2009 @ 12 noon onwards – Poole & North Dorset GARDEN PARTY:

Open to all within UKIP and their friends regardless of branch, this is to be held at former Poole chairman Alan Goring's home at 1 Wallace Road, Broadstone BH18 8NF. A different slant from Dorset North's Garden Party in that you bring your own food and drink. No charge – just ring Alan to book on 01202 – 770625.

THURS 3rd – SAT 6th SEPTEMBER 2009 – Annual UKIP Conference in Southport, Lancashire. See text for details.

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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