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The marquee and the gazebo have been folded up and returned to their owners. The lawn had survived the ordeal of 49 pairs of feet and the adjoining field is now once more an undamaged car-free zone. The Garden Party held in Longham was considered a major success despite the non-stop rain which varied from near torrential to just heavy!



In spite of the English Summertime conditions everyone enjoyed themselves, a situation made easier by the near nonstop supply of canapés, sandwiches, scones and cream, cakes and strawberries and more cream, with the odd libation and copious volumes of tea! We were honoured by the presence of our latest SW MEP William Earl of Dartmouth [left], Dr Julia Reid the fourth on the MEP list, and a number of Prospective Parliamentary Candidates. Unfortunately for differing reasons both Trevor Coleman and Gawain Towler were unable to make it. William Dartmouth spoke to thank all who had worked so incredibly hard to achieve the amazing success in the recent elections and promised to report back to us once he has taken up his seat in Brussels later this year.



Special thanks for the day must go to Susie Baxter especially for her now famous baking, Becky for her scones, and particularly Jill Dore for two days of preparation, both of food and facilities, which included the picking of loads of strawberries with husband Peter. Additional thanks to Marilyn Tong, Julie Graham, Dave Evans [what an amazing barman!!], Zadi Green and David Baxter, the latter who came down especially from London to ensure the electrics and music were safe and sound [sorry about that pun!] and to oversee the very successful raffle. Thanks also to the erection team [should I reword that?] of John Myers, Rod Trelease, the afore mentioned Peter, Alan Day and a bit by JLB. Special thanks to the two Alans, Reynolds for the loan of the larger marquee and Day for the patriotic Union Flag gazebo – without both the day would have been a disaster – or a crowded house party! Most of all, the biggest thank you of all must go to those who braved the unpromising elements and honoured us with their presence, whilst representing no less than seven associations. Importantly the coffers of Bournemouth West and Dorset North branches received a respectable boost which will enable the next edition of the Dorset UKIP News to be funded. A good start to the forthcoming General Election Campaign.



On the subject of elections, just five days later Ric Johnson who polled nearly 30% in June stood for UKIP in the **Portfield ward** in the nearby Christchurch Borough Council **by-election** held on the 16th July. It was a fight for a single seat between four candidates and did not feature a representative of the party of government. None of the candidates had fought the seat previously, which had become available due to the illness of Lib-Dem. Cllr. David Vick. Last time out was in 2007, when as a double seat, the election was won by the Lib-Dems with the voting as follows: Lib-Dem 465/457 Con 397/339 Ind 212/170 Lab 67. UKIP did not stand on that occasion.

Result this time: Ric Johnson - UKIP – 98 [12%]; Chris Neale – Independent – 156; Christine Payne - Liberal Democrat – 279 [elected]; Lisle Smith – Conservative – 278.

This sends a conflicting message about voters' preferences, and will not be the result that Ric worked so hard to achieve. It shows we still have a lot of work to do to show UKIP's relevance in UK based elections. We cannot rest on our laurels from the European elections in June. Game on.

The **Norwich North** parliamentary by-election on the 23rd July was a contest with 12 candidates including the BNP, giving ours, Glenn Tingle [right], a major battle. With much media attention [except for UKIP – now the subject of many complaints to the BBC], he aimed to improve on John Youles' 1,122 votes, 2.4%, achieved in the 2005 election as one of just six candidates. Glen was not included in a BBC Hustings which continued the 'blank out UKIP campaign' by that organisation despite UKIP being the second British party in the EUP. On the day, in a Labour seat that previously had over a 5,000 majority, Glenn, a former army medic in the RAMC, polled 4,068 which was 11.8% of votes cast & a creditable fourth place with the largest % swing. An excellent result. Details as follows:



Chloe Smith (Conservative) - 13,591 (39.5% +6.3%)
Chris Ostrowski (Labour) - 6,243 (18.2% -26.7%)
Rupert Read (Green) - 3,350 (9.7% +7.0%)

Glenn Tingle (UKIP) - 4,068 (11.8% +9.4%)
April Pond (Lib Dem) - 4,803 (14.0% -2.2%)
Craig Murray (Honest Man) - 953 (2.8%)

Robert West (BNP) - 941 (2.7%); Bill Holden (Ind) - 166 (0.5% -0.1%); Alan "Howling Laud" Hope (Loony) - 144 (0.4%); Anne Fryatt (NoneOfTheAbove) - 59 (0.2%); Thomas BurrIDGE (Libertarian) - 36 (0.1%); Peter Baggs (Ind) - 23 (0.1%).

Major congratulations to Peter Reeve, Eastern Regional Organiser, who fought two seats in **Ramsey**, also on the 23rd July, and won both, driving off strong challenges from the Conservatives. He had great support from local activists. As a result Peter is now a Huntingdonshire District Councillor [UKIP:753(39.22%); Con:569; Ind:303; LibDem: 295] and also a Cambridgeshire County Councillor [UKIP: 865(45.33%); Con:682; LibDem308; Lab:53]).

Still on the subject of elections there is a by-election in **Plymouth** Council in the ward named Ham. The date is as yet unfixed but expected to be in mid-September. The candidate is the association Chairman Andrew Leigh. He has sent out an SOS for foot soldiers and donations. If you can help in any way please contact him at this address: UKIP Plymouth & District Branch, 1 Warleigh Road, Plymouth, Devon PL4 6QN. We wish him every success.

John Kelly, from Devon UKIP and source of much of the content of our newsletters, has been withholding his TV licence payment for several years on the grounds that the BBC have failed to honour their charter to provide balanced broadcasting, particularly in respect to EU matters. He recently appeared in court but was cut short in giving a prepared statement and found guilty. He was fined £300 with £30 costs, and vows to continue his protest in a similar vein. Incidentally the amount fined is way less than the price of the unpaid licences over the years.

We are delighted to report that our MEP and garden party Guest of Honour **William Legge**, 10th Earl of Dartmouth, has wed former model Mrs **Fiona Handbury**, an Australian-born artist, film producer & mother of three. The civil ceremony took place at Haldon Belvedere, a folly near his Exeter home. The newly-weds honeymooned in Biarritz. We all wish the couple every happiness and a long and fulfilling marriage.

Peter Davies, recently elected **Mayor of Doncaster**, is making waves in his town. At the risk of our advertising another eurosceptic party Mr Davies is a marvellous example of what Ukipers could do if elected. A member of the English Democrats & elected with 24,244 votes he is achieving great savings for his rate payers. So far he has cut his own salary from £73,000 to £30,000; closed the council's newspaper for "*peddling politics on the rates*"; is pressing ahead with plans he hopes will see the number of town councillors cut from 63 to just 21, saving £800,000 saying "*If 100 senators can run the United States of America, I can't see how 63 councillors are needed to run Doncaster*"; has also axed the mayoral chauffeur-driven car and given the driver another job; has withdrawn Doncaster from the Local Govn't Association and the Local Govn't Information Unit, saving another £200,000 - "*They are just talking shops*". Doncaster is also in for some serious untwining. He has also promised to end council funding for Doncaster's International Women's Day, Black History Month and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History Month. He said, "*Politicians have got completely out of touch with what people want. We need to cut costs. I want to pass on some savings I make in reduced taxes and use the rest for things we really need, like improved children's services*". What an excellent example to us all – he has only been mayor a month!



More proposed **daft legislation** – The Department for Transport [DfT] wants to "include every description of watercraft" in laws on "safety, conduct endangering ships, structures or individuals and drugs and alcohol offences". Some offences carry a possible prison sentence of up to two years while others could see fines imposed of up to £50,000. As well as oil tankers and cruise liners, and all down to jet-skis, small hovercraft and speedboats, the Government is considering imposing the new rules on body-boards, boogie-boards, canoes, kite-surfing boards, sailboards, skim boards, wind surfers and sailing dinghies. Critics have said the measures are 'bizarre' 'unenforceable' and 'bonkers' and destined to spoil all sports users' fun.

Marta Andreasen, former whistle blowing Chief Accountant of the EU, now a MEP for the SE England, has had her bid to become a vice-chair of the assembly's budgetary control committee rejected in an unprecedented secret ballot. The parliament's EPP and socialist groups joined forces to block her despite her superior experience. Andreasen picked up nine of the committee's 29 votes. The Argentinean-born Spaniard, who is also treasurer of UKIP, said the decision to block her was, "*not a good start for this committee*." However, Andreasen vowed to play an active role in the committee as an ordinary member. "*I'll be free to say what I think as a member. I know that they don't like Ukip, this is a fact of life in the parliament. But I want to be engaged in the work of this committee*."



Did you know? There are now nearly 50 public houses closing down every week

In another apparent pact with big business, the Government plans to scrap the so-called "needs test" requiring councils to be satisfied an out-of-town shopping development is needed before they grant planning permission. The result is likely to be the growth of out of town supermarkets at the expense of the high street. This is at the time that the number of empty shops has doubled since last September.

Links of the month: 1/ The BBC follow Lord Dartmouth prior to the election: <http://alturl.com/uchh>
2/ View 223 UKIP videos on YouTube: <http://alturl.com/xovj> 1,000,000 viewings and still climbing.
3/ A Case for Treason, explaining the treachery in Heath's day that got us into the EU. Look beyond the BNP references and misspellings – the branch has free copies of the CD shown: <http://tinyurl.com/nvg70k>

The **New Regional Officer** for the South West was announced last weekend. The person taking over from Malcolm & Jenny Wood on the 1st August is to be Steve Crowther [right] from Barnstaple [UKIP North Devon]. We take this opportunity to welcome Steve to this very demanding position and also to reiterate our thanks to Malcolm & Jenny who have held the South West together for so many years!



News from here and there – a letter from Brussels:



Onwards and Upwards: *As the titanic effort of this year fades into a rather warm memory and our Euro and local council results of June the 4th become part of our folklore we need to look forward. In politics like so much of life we are judged, not on our last result, but the next. And tomorrow is coming up fast.*

In the next 11 months the country will be facing another two sets of elections. Was it always like this or has politics, like the BBC become a repository of repeats? I see that Porridge is back on the airwaves, a Labour Government is in free-fall and nationalisation is back on the cards – welcome to the seventies but this time it is being Facebooked.

Anyhow, what isn't going away is the next series of local elections and the big one, the general election. Just last week UKIP showed that the Euros were no flash in the pan. On the same day we won a town council seat in Shropshire, a County Council and a District Council seat in Cambridgeshire (well Huntingdonshire to us purists). Of course then was our best ever Westminster by-election result of 11.8% in Norwich. UKIP are here to stay and we are speaking for millions up and down the country.

For me the likelihood is a general election this year. Brown like General Custer is surrounded by an ever dwindling band of loyalists, but they are all making suggestions that he will not go full term. The key date for this unloved and morally compromised shower is October 2nd. The Irish referendum. If the Irish say yes then they have done their controllers in Brussels' bidding. The decks will be cleared and the game will be on.

We must ready to meet them and to give the people of our county and country the best ever reasons for voting UKIP. Our freedom is just such a reason.

Yours as ever,

Gawain. **Gawain Towler** is PPC for Dorset North, first reserve MEP candidate and Brussels Press Officer for UKIP.

We are now scarcely a month away from the **Annual National UKIP Conference**, this time being held in Southport, Lancashire at the new Theatre and Convention Centre on the Promenade, Southport, Lancashire, PR9 0DZ. Book now to avoid disappointment.

A reminder of the relevant details:

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. Book on line: <http://alturl.com/5jpg>



What the media say:

- The *BBC* reports that the European Commission has proposed that citizens of Serbia, Macedonia and Montenegro should be able to travel without visas across the EU.
- In a letter to the *Telegraph*, Major General Julian Thompson has said that the "government obsession with a European defence identity has wasted money on Euro-projects, instead of buying cheaper, better equipment off the shelf.
- *SvD [Svenska Dagbladet]* says that the Latvian government has been told by the EU that it can take no major financial decision without first seeking approval from the EU and the IMF. In practice this means that Latvia will be governed from Brussels. The small Baltic country is suffering from immense debt in the aftermath of the financial crisis that hit it especially hard.
- *Irish Times* reported that Irish officials in the EU Commission are taking part in the EU's "Back to School" programme. The Commission website says "Six hundred European officials return to their old school this year. The idea is to 'give Europe a face' and to take part in discussions with school students on European issues of interest to them. The 'Back to School' initiative, which started in 2007, is being run this year in nine EU countries from March to November." [n.b. During the time of Ireland's 2nd vote on the Lisbon Treaty].
- The *Guardian* reports that a new study by campaign group Sandbag has described the EU's Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS), which is at the heart of the low-carbon plan announced by the Government last week, as critically flawed. The ETS covers 50% of the UK and EU's carbon emissions, mainly in the energy, cement, steel, glass and manufacturing sectors.
- *The Sun* reports on EU arrogance: The loathed EU Constitution is not worth the paper it is written on. So say Germany's most powerful judges. In a sensational, groundbreaking verdict, they ruled Brussels would be acting illegally if it tried to seize sovereign power from member states. Only elected governments have the right to decide economic, defence or foreign policy. That means **NO** European Army. **NO** control over criminal law. **NO** meddling in our police, welfare, education or media policies. And, crucially, **NO** overriding power to control tax or spending.

Germany even rejects the EU Parliament as a democratic body - pointing out that it does not even have a proper Opposition. This must surely put paid forever to the grandiose dream of a European superstate? Fat chance. "Europe will, despite numerous setbacks and crises, continue to progress as an alliance of states in the process of integration whether the court likes it or not," snorted Germany's ex-Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer.

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. Transport to Southport for the conference could also be combined.

FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Dorset Branch Library and minishop available at this meeting. 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.



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 – if needed just ring Alan for details on 01202 – 770625.

SATURDAY 29th AUGUST 2009 @ 2pm onwards – South Dorset Madhatters GARDEN PARTY:

Open to all UKIP members of any branch. At the home of Mike Hobson which is Summerlands, Worth Matravers, nr Swanage, Dorset, BH19 3LF. Themed event, "Madhatters' Teaparty", all the pro EU parties wear the same hat. Cake stand, speaker – fund raising for the General Election fund. £5 inc light refreshments. Further details from Mike on 01929 439 099.

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

THURSDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2009 @ 7.30pm onwards – FIRST-THURSDAY MEETING:

Postponed from the 3rd September due to the Southport Conference. Dorset Branch Library and minishop available at this meeting. Our FIRST-THURSDAY evening get-together at the **Charlton Inn, Bournemouth Road, Charlton Marshall, DT11 9NH**. Our regular informal evening. See 6th August for full 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



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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Gawain Towler's Personal Website: <http://englandexpects.blogspot.com/>

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Special Supplement - August 2009 - Dorset North UKIP Newsletter and Digest.

This month we have the services of our roving reporter John Myers who attended a special meeting at Haymoor School, Canford Heath. David Cameron held a question and answer session for the unconverted or dissenters!

This is John's report, and we are immensely grateful to him for the detail of his notes!

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Well I got in to see "Call me Dave" and I must admit he came over very well indeed. There was a good cross section of the population both young and not so young. The questions were wide ranging and, in the main, very well delivered and answered. I have done my best to give you a flavour of what went on.



I have arranged the exchanges in a Question [Q] from the audience and Answer [Ans] from D.C. format:

Q. Electricity generation from Wind Power?

Ans. Yes but we need to use all methods of power generation: Tide power, Nuclear (Thank God) but he then concentrated on Conservation of energy.

Q. International energy trading ??? Something about getting heat energy from the world's deserts and transferring it to colder climates! (Beats me!)

Ans. Yes --- well! (I think it beat him as well as me!).

[Ed.: Solar Power piped directly from the Sahara. A scheme has been mooted that would aim to deliver about 15% of EU needs by 2050, at an initial cost of \$555b. A memorandum has just been signed by big EU based companies like Siemens AG and Munich AG to this end – both German aren't they?!].

Q. Security.

Ans. The police are using too many anti terrorist laws to do their job, which seems to be chasing targets only. We will restrict other agencies from using these powers to enter our houses and spy on us. National ID cards are out!

Q. Global warming.

Ans. He accepted it without question, we must reduce our carbon footprint (whatever that is!) but didn't say HOW we were going to do it!

Q. Inheritance Tax threshold?

Ans. Would be increased to £1.000.000 at a stroke. = Lots of applause. [Ed. This will not be for many years [minimum 5 yrs] because of the financial climate according to 'The Conservative Daily', an online Conservative news site.]

Q. Direct payments to the parents of disabled children?

Ans. Such help would be streamlined and made much less complicated.

One young person made the statement that the environment was by far the most important issue today!

Q. Will a conservative government set stringent targets to drastically reduce carbon emissions?

Ans. Yes, government will lead by regulation if required but individuals must play their part.

Q. How are you going to pay for the Afghan War?

That initiated a long diatribe on all aspects of the War including a forceful attack on the Brown administration and its incompetence and total lack of leadership. He mentioned the madness of the situation regarding the Chinook helicopters at RAF Odiham. Out of service from 2001 when they were brand new still yet to fly! He came up with a figure of 500 Helicopters in total for the services.

(I don't know where that figure came from because there are over 600 not counting the ones they have hired in from the civil world) but only 268 Fighting /Combat helos and that is the IMPORTANT number! But he didn't mention how many there are "In Theatre", the real crunch number. He mentioned strategic defence and Trident but he didn't say what he was going to do with it, or, more importantly how he was going to finance the War in Afghanistan, the original question.

Q. One lady insisted the "Law" was too lenient and he should bring back the belt etc.

He agreed but felt the belt might be overdoing it slightly, (mentioned human rights laws) but he mentioned there was far too much Red Tape within the Law system.

Q. SNP?

Ans. The United Kingdom MUST be preserved. It would be wrong for Scotland to separate from the Union. (How does that fit with his EU policy I wonder?)

Q. RSS. Regional Spatial Strategy. (Greenbelt)?

Ans. ALL decisions concerning development of Green belt land must be decided at a local level and not at national or regional. (regional departments will be done away with, "quote".

Q. General Dannant and his "shopping list" - what would you do?

Ans. I'd give him whatever he asked for because I have the greatest respect for a man like him.

Q. Prison System?

Ans. It is failing.

Drug Addicts should be made to come OFF drugs not rely on Methadone. Reward prison officials by their results in order to reduce the 60% rate of re-offending. If you get 10 years you serve ten years unless you work for early release.

I then managed to get my question in: "Mr Cameron you have a golden opportunity to gain a great number of extra votes and remove a whole political party which has become, and is going to be, a real thorn in your side, UKIP! All you have to do is to make a solemn commitment and undertaking that you will lead this country out of the European Union." This was greeted by thunderous applause and cheering.

After the hubbub had died down he was able to say that this country needed to be in Europe for a number of reasons not least of which was the amount of trade that our businesses have with the EU. This statement was treated with derision by the audience as was his assertion that we NEED the EU! He mentioned that he wished he could persuade the members of UKIP that their beliefs were WRONG!

I got the distinct impression that he would have liked to call us dinosaurs and members of the kooky "flat earth society," but he refrained from going that far. At the end of his little speech I asked him, "I'll take that as a NO then?" At least he had the good grace to laugh along with the audience.

Without wishing to labour the point, it is my opinion that we are not going to see a Conservative government take us out of the EU or give us a referendum on the Lisbon Treaty, no matter what they say or promise!

Afterwards a good number of people came up to me and congratulated me on my question as well as making a good number of pro UKIP, anti EU and anti Conservative remarks. Whilst this sentiment is all very well, in my opinion it is not going to stop a Conservative victory at the polls. UKIP has a great deal of work to do to dent and derail the Conservative band wagon.

We need to tell the people the truth about the EU because our main party politicians are telling them less than the truth and in some cases downright untruths. We simply MUST persuade the "media" that we are a serious and capable organisation and not a minor, also ran, party.



John Myers.